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GOVT'S DEFENCE FUNDING CRISIS DEEPENS

NOW SKINT ARMY AXES WAR GAMES

By JEROME STARKEY

ARMY chiefs have been told to axe war games as the Ministry of Defence is broke.

One Iraq War hero said: "It's a scandal – and unprecedented."

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EXCLUSIVE: DIDDLY SQUAT RAID

Rustlers steal Clarkson's sheep

Police probe TV farm theft

EWEDUNNIT?

Fleeced . . . Clarkson with a sheep, and above, with cops yesterday

By ALEX WEST

FURIOUS Jeremy Clarkson last night revealed 11 sheep had been stolen from his farm.

Police are investigating the suspected late-night raid at Diddly Squat in Oxfordshire, featured on TV show Clarkson's Farm. In a message to the rustlers, 66-year-old Jezza said: "Put them back."

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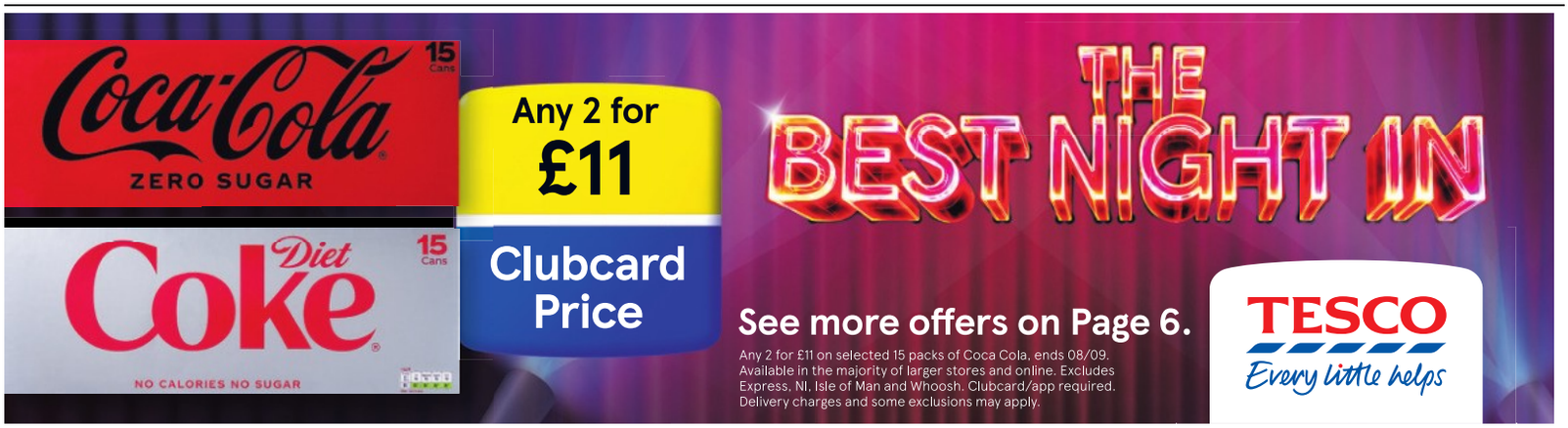

FARAGE'S RALLYING CRY

NIGE: I'LL DECLARE A UK EMERGENCY

'Reset' speech . . . Farage

By JACK ELSOM

NIGEL Farage will today vow to declare a "national emergency" on his first day if he becomes PM.

Reform's boss will also pledge to sack any minister who fails to deliver.

In his party conference speech, Mr Farage plans to tell activists that MPs should "sit day and night" to crash through urgent laws and fight Civil Service resistance. He sees the speech as a reset following a slide in the polls.

Vow for day one as PM

Mr Farage has been dogged by questions about an undeclared £5million gift and is facing a Commons probe.

The Brexiteer will use his opening address to show he is still focused on becoming PM.

He will say at the NEC, Birmingham: "Within days of winning the general election, we will introduce dozens of bills and force Parliament to sit all summer for seven days a week to pass them.

"Britain's in serious trouble, we don't have time to wait around to fix it." Key issues for him are illegal migration and the cost of living.

Anticipating pushback from the Whitehall machine, he will say: "If the Lords, judiciary or Civil Service get in our way they will discover just how determined we are."

And he will warn that any minister who fails to get on top of their brief has "no place in my Cabinet".

According to a "poll of polls", Reform is tied with Labour at 23 per cent, after surrendering a 15-month lead.

● **REFORM** last night denied a Channel 4 News claim that senior figures arranged for a US firm to secretly fund polling by the party.

MP bid . . . Mr Polanski

Zack: I'll fight for Keir seat

By TOM SCOTSON

GREEN leader Zack Polanski plans to turn up the heat on Andy Burnham by contesting his predecessor Sir Keir Starmer's old seat.

The fight for London's Holborn and St Pancras will test the new PM's popularity.

Mr Polanski is currently a member of the London Assembly.

At the last election former PM Sir Keir had a majority of 11,572. The Greens were third behind independent left-winger Andrew Feinstein.

Mr Polanski said the by-election will be "a referendum on ending rip-off Britain".

The Greens hurt Labour in its urban heartlands in May's local elections, winning 587 council seats and control of five additional councils.

Brits face disaster, says Don

By RYAN SABEY

DONALD Trump says Britain faces disaster if it does not get to grips with the two crises in immigration and energy.

The US President warned PM Andy Burnham that the country was "at a tipping point".

He pointed to migrants making the perilous trip across the Channel in an interview with GB News.

And he spoke as a decision is expected on approving two North Sea oil and gas fields.

He said: "You're on the edge of disaster. I call it a tipping point. More than most countries, you have a tremendous immigration problem, and you have a tremendous energy problem."

LUMLEY NEPAL PAIN

Still searching . . rescuers in Gyirong

By AMIR RAZAVI

DAME Joanna Lumley joins members of Britain's Nepalese community in a vigil for the country's flood victims.

The actress, 80, who has strong links with Nepal's Gurkhas, told the South East London event that the disaster "broke her heart" but "could maybe have been predicted".

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Leader's bribe bill

THE ex-leader of Reform UK in Wales has been ordered to pay more than £22,500 after accepting bribes to make pro-Russian statements in the European Parliament.

Nathan Gill, 53, was given six months to sell his rental property to pay the money into Government coffers or face a further nine months' jail.

Gill, of Anglesey, North Wales, is already serving ten and a half years after admitting bribery and was given the payment order at an Old Bailey confiscation hearing.

THE Sun SAVE OUR SETS

TV STARS IN FIGHT FOR FREEVIEW

By RYAN SABEY

REALITY TV stars have joined demands for the Freeview switch-off to be pushed back to 2044.

Gabby Allen, from Love Island and Celebrity Big Brother, insisted "millions of households still rely on these services".

She added: "For many people there isn't a straightforward alternative because of where they live, what they can afford or the technology they are able to use."

Too Hot to Handle's Emily Faye Miller added: "I really don't think millions of people – including the older generation and people who simply can't afford other means of staying connected – should lose access to it."

They backed the Sun's Save Our Sets campaign, launched after plans emerged to switch off the free terrestrial platform in 2034. The move would force viewers to pay for internet-based services.

A spokesman for the Save Free TV campaign said: "Younger people also want free TV protected, because they know their parents and grandparents depend on it."

Ministers are consulting on the proposals. PM Andy Burnham told MPs this week that he was "concerned" about the plan and vowed to "have a proper look at it".

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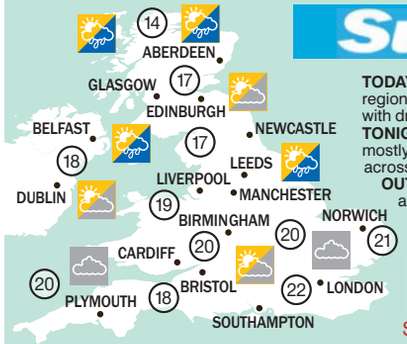

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TONIGHT: Partly cloudy in North-East England and mostly cloudy in the South-West. Clear skies expected across Southern and Eastern England.

OUTLOOK: Saturday sees mostly cloudy skies across England with mild temperatures. By Sunday, sunny intervals emerge, particularly in the South, staying warm.

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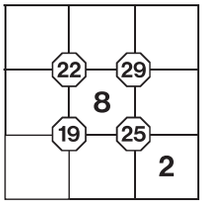

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

MUSIC producer **MARK RONSON, 51**, *left*, pop icon **BEYONCE, 45**, *right*, comic **DAMON WAYANS, 66**, actors **NOAH TAYLOR, 57, KEVIN KENNEDY, 65**, and **JENNIFER METCALFE, 43**, and Olympic sprinter **MARK LEWIS-FRANCIS, 44.**

●**Last night's Health Lottery numbers: 32, 37, 43, 44, 46. Bonus ball: 41.**

AS MAYA ENJOYS PARTY PUNCH..

It's Jama the hammer . . . Maya delivers right hook

Having a ball . . Maya takes aim at Gentlemen after-party

Picture: SAM LORT/NETFLIX/GETTY

Joely good night out?

GENTS STAR 'SQUIFFY' ON TV

VIEWERS accused giggling Joely Richardson of being squiffy on TV yesterday, hours after The Gentlemen premiere.

The actress, 61, was at the after-party with co-stars including Maya Jama.

Joely then went on ITV's This Morning to promote the Netflix comedy drama with another co-star, Vinnie Jones.

By OLIVIA MONK

As Joely laughed and leaned back on the sofa, one fan posted online: "Is she still drunk from the premiere?"

Another added: "Fair play to Joely. It's 5 o'clock somewhere."

One concerned viewer said she should not have been allowed on the show. But a source said: "Joely was having a great time on the This Morning sofa with Vinnie. They're a dynamic duo and she was absolutely fine.

"The This Morning team loved welcoming them to the show."

Stars of The Gentlemen were at the Guildhall art gallery in central London on Thursday night for the series two launch.

Love Island host Maya, 32, wore a plunging black leather dress. She then proved a real knockout at the boozy after-party, held at the same venue into the early hours, as she launched a stinging right hook at a boxing arcade machine's punchball.

Director Guy Ritchie is plotting the third series.

The Sun has exclusively revealed that Duchess of Sussex Meghan is in talks for a role.

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This Morning . . Vinnie & Joely

"Four decades after Wham! split, Andrew Ridgeley seems incapable of sharing any of the carefree happiness that the group brought to the world"

Ally Ross PAGE 15

EXCLUSIVE: DIDDLY SQUAT

By ALEX WEST, THOMAS GODFREY and ELEANOR GUNN

JEREMY Clarkson told how he called the police about the theft of 11 sheep from his farm — and said it made him sound like he was a rustling victim from the Victorian era.

The Sun columnist and TV star, 66, discovered he had been raided when he tried to count his flock this week with his Clarkson's Farm sidekick Kaleb Cooper.

Only 16 of his 27 Easycare sheep were still in their remote field on his Diddly Squat farm in Chadlington, Oxfordshire, well known to viewers of his hugely popular Amazon Prime Video show.

Police were last night investigating the theft of the livestock, which feature in series five.

Clarkson said: "The police have been very good, actually.

"Once you go through 700 hours of recorded messages, I got through to a girl.

"I said, 'I know it's going to sound like I'm from 1856, but I've had some sheep stolen'.

"She went through the name and address and then she said, 'Oh, not your Easycares'.

"She's obviously been watching the show, but it is the Easycares."

Clarkson made no secret of his anger at the raid, and told the thieves: "Put them back.

"It's a farm. We're armed. Just so they know.

"It p***es me off. Honestly, it just p***es me off."

Clarkson said the stolen sheep would sell at market for more than £2,000, and he fears some in other fields on his farm may have been taken too.

He told The Sun: "I don't even know when it happened.

"We came down yesterday, Kaleb and I, and actually counted sheep, which is quite difficult to do without dozing off.

"There are 11 that have gone missing from this field, and we think there are some missing from the other field – there are 140 or so in a field a mile or so away.

"Nobody else has got Easycares, which is what these are. They're supposedly easy to care for.

"I just sold 24 of them at the sheep market the other day, and they went for £205 each, so it's over £2,000 of sheep gone missing."

They had been intended for breeding, not eating, though it is believed they will be sold for their meat, at a higher price.

The raiders also pounced at a time – probably late at night – when the farm was not being filmed for the next series.

Clarkson went on: "If you've been in a butcher's recently and looked at the price of lamb . . . this is a crime you can commit with literally nobody *(seeing)*.

"There are woods on three sides of this field.

"I don't know how they knew we'd got sheep in here. You can't see it from anywhere and there's no way of monitoring it.

"We have a film crew here all the time . . . a drone in the air.

"But obviously, they did it on a day or a night when we weren't working here."

He said the sheep were in a secluded part of the sprawling 1,000-acre estate "which we rarely come to, because it's just grass".

Clarkson continued: "I walk the dogs through these woods a lot.

"And you say, 'Oh, there are the sheep', so the dogs don't go in that field. But you don't think, 'Are there fewer sheep than there should be?' Only yesterday, when we came and did the count, there were fewer. So we scoured the woods yesterday. We looked everywhere. They're not here."

Officers from Thames Valley Police's Rural Crime Team arrived at the property yesterday afternoon, after the presenter returned from a premiere screening of Amazon's new Grand Tour series in London.

Clarkson, who was seen speaking to the officers, said: "The sheep are going to be eaten. But it's not our butchers that can sell it. They're very good sheep. It's upset me . . . you can't ever form a bond with a sheep. Anyone who has anything stolen, it's awful.

"But to have animals stolen, it's really galling.

"They were happy here. This is my favourite field on the farm.

"There's nothing, you always feel like you're alone in the world.

"I did drive by three days ago, and noticed the gate was open.

"They have been taken, realistically. There's no other explanation. There are no carcasses.

"We've been through the woods and there are no sheep droppings in there. They're not in the woods. They're not on the neighbouring farm. The only option left is that they've been taken.

"It just feels like we're in the 17th century here . . . sheep rustling."

Clarkson does not think he was targeted because of his hit TV show, which first aired in June 2021 and has made him the country's best-known farmer.

He said: "It's more likely to make you a target than less, but I still don't think they've been stolen because they're on Diddly Squat."

He asked: "How can you *(stop it)* if someone's determined to steal your livestock?

"This is a thousand acres, it's a big farm. Anyone could be anywhere and you wouldn't know."

Asked what he would do if he caught the rustlers in the act, Clarkson replied: "I'll be pretty cross. I would lock the gate, lock them in. Then they can't get their car out."

The theft was initially reported to police by farm contractor Kaleb and land manager Charlie Ireland.

Kaleb, 28, said filming there almost every day should deter would-be thieves, but he acknowledged how easy it was to do. He said of the sheep: "We must have counted them maybe 30 times, and the majority of the time we did get it wrong, but there are definitely 11 missing. It's weird to think that they would do it here because we're filming literally every day.

"But at the same time, it's not uncommon."

He said sheep rustlers normally target fields at night because "who's watching them at 11 o'clock?".

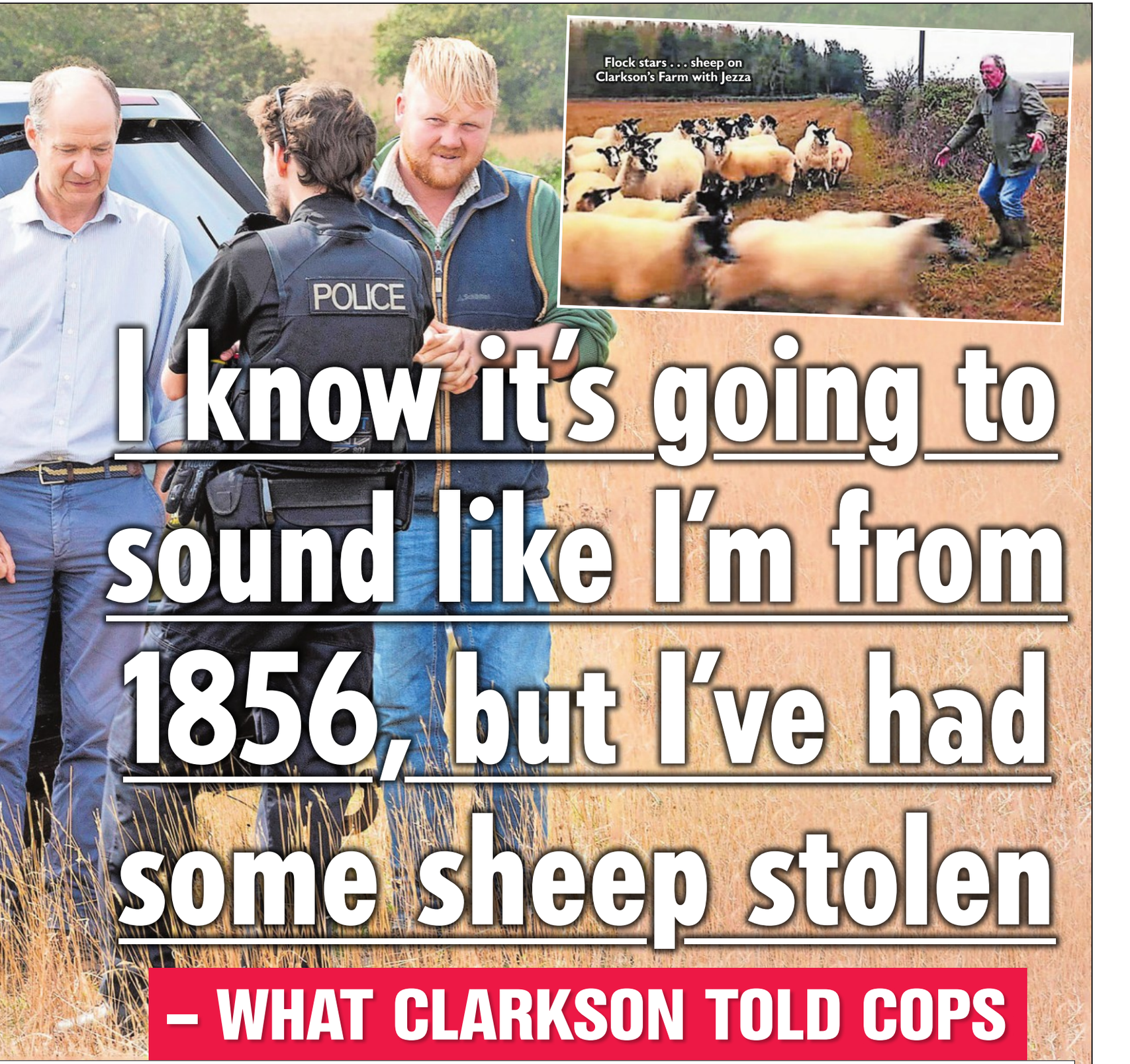
He went on: "All they've got to do is put a few lights up, or a torch, run the dog around them, put them into a bunch, load them

Quiz . . . Clarkson and co-stars Charlie and Kaleb speak to police yesterday

Investigation . . . Clarkson speaks to officer from rural crime team

Scene of crime . . . Clarkson in field where his sheep were stolen

IS RAIDED BY RUSTLERS



Flock stars . . . sheep on Clarkson's Farm with Jezza

I know it's going to sound like I'm from 1856, but I've had some sheep stolen

– WHAT CLARKSON TOLD COPS

up, and off they go." Charlie added: "There are a few cases where people were actually slaughtering them in the field. There's no evidence that happened here."

If sold for their meat, the animals may have been worth up to £8,000, and it is feared they may already have been butchered.

Charlie said: "They haven't even stolen the fat lambs – they've stolen the breeding stock, which is just frustrating."

He added: "There will be a sense of violation. There's a theft, it's like somebody breaking into your house." Diddly Squat had a security scare in March last year when five men were caught on camera "checking out" the site.

At the time, Clarkson said: "The police say it does look like we are being recced by wrong 'uns and that we should ensure our security systems are up to scratch."

In 2023, his farm shop, which can attract up to 1,000 customers a day, was targeted by two men who stole £80 worth of goods by stuffing them into their jackets.

Last September Clarkson also revealed his pub – The Farmer's Dog in Burford – was hit by cyber criminals who stole £27,000. The latest theft has come at a time when farmers across the country are struggling to cope following the summer heatwaves.

Clarkson said he had spent "thousands and thousands" of pounds rearing the sheep, which are "very expensive" to care for.

He added: "This year, there's been no grass at all, so it's a lot more than usual.

"All farming's been a nightmare this year because of the drought."

Livestock theft costs farmers £4.5million a year, according to the National Farmers' Union.

Dog attacks and livestock killings set them back another £1.95million. NFU vice-president Robyn Munt called the surge in livestock crime "worrying". She said: "Behind every statistic is a farmer, a family and a livelihood under strain.

"Farms are not just workplaces, they are homes, and while the effects of rural crime are felt financially, for many farmers, the real cost is the fear, the stress and the anxiety they are left with."

Police yesterday flew a drone above the area to see if the missing sheep had gone to a nearby forest, but none was found.

TV crews are currently filming at Diddly Squat for season six of Clarkson's Farm, which is expected to air next year.

A police spokesman said yesterday: "Thames Valley Police is investigating the theft of a number of sheep from a farm in Chadlington.

"The theft has occurred at some point over the last ten days and was unwitnessed.

"The theft was reported to the force on Wednesday

"No arrests have been made. We would ask anybody who has information that may assist this investigation to contact Thames Valley Police."

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Norwich fan . . . Hugh

Jackman in footie talks for Norwich

By JOSHUA JONES

HOLLYWOOD superstar Hugh Jackman is in talks to buy a stake in Norwich City.

He will hope to enjoy success like screen pals Ryan Reynolds and Rob McElhenney at Championship rivals Wrexham.

Aussie Jackman's mum Grace is from Norwich so he has always supported the Canaries.

The Wolverine actor, 57, told talkSPORT: "I'm very, very interested and talking about it right now."

Jackman, reportedly worth £100million, turned down the chance to join a celebrity consortium to invest in Norwich in 2010 – but has changed his tune following the success of his friends.

Wrexham have risen from non-league to the Championship in three seasons with Reynolds and McElhenney.

Celeb chef Delia Smith was previously Norwich's majority shareholder and still owns ten per cent.

Jailed . . . Langham

Shamed BBC star Langham dead, 77

By ETHAN SINGH

DISGRACED former BBC star Chris Langham, who was jailed for downloading child sex abuse images, has died aged 77.

Langham, who won a Best Comedy Performance Bafta for political satire The Thick of It, had pancreatic cancer.

He died three months ago but details only emerged yesterday.

Ex-joke writer Langham starred in sketch show Not The Nine O'Clock News before joining The Thick Of It.

He was jailed for 15 months in 2007 on 15 charges but maintained he had no sexual interest in children and downloaded images as "research" for a role.

Langham, of Cranbrook, Kent, is survived by second wife Chrissie and their two children as well as three kids from his first marriage to actress Sue Jones-Davies.

All are understood to have stood by him.

DANCING WITH THE STARS

WAR ON MAURA

Celebs furious over favouritism

Dancers angry at 'sexist' claim

Cast murmurs . . . Maura, and with Mark, right

MAURA Higgins has stirred up a storm on the US version of Strictly amid claims she is being "set up to win" — having been paired with her Celebrity Traitors pal Mark Ballas.

EXCLUSIVE by AMANDA DEVLIN

Love Islander Maura, 35, is also at odds with her co-stars after publicly hammering show pro dancer Gleb Savchenko for being sexist, just weeks before he was axed.

The Irish beauty now looks to be sashaying towards the glitterball trophy on Dancing with the Stars alongside Mark, the son of Strictly head judge Shirley Ballas.

A source said: "Maura's been rubbing everyone up the wrong way, even before their first spray tans have dried.

"She was desperate to be partnered with Mark, who's hugely popular, and was dead against Gleb, who's now out of a job. It's as if what Maura says goes.

"She's even made sure to get close to judge Bruno Tonioli and wasted no time posing arm-in-arm with him after a night out.

"It's not gone unnoticed within the cast that she's being favoured. It's as if she's being set up to win."

Maura made a name for herself in America on The Traitors US this year, where she reached the final. Pro dancer Mark was also on the show.

Now she hopes starring in America's biggest dance show will help win over more fans ahead of the reboot of former Saturday night dating show classic Blind Date, which she is set to host on Disney+.

But she has an uphill battle with her co-stars first. Our insider added: "The cast has always been a family, but before the show even started she was bringing the drama.

"Although it's a competition, they're all loyal to each other, so there's bad feeling among those who were close to Gleb who are saying, 'This isn't Love Island'.

"Maura is stunning and full of personality, so show bosses know she'll have a great impact and want to keep her happy."

Maura appeared oblivious to the backstage murmurings when she said this week: "I've been dying to do this show. And already, I'm only one week in, everyone is so lovely.

"And it's true what everyone on the cast says – it's like family." She ruled out any show romances after her pal, model Brooks Nader, fell for her pro partner Gleb in 2024. He had been on DWTS since 2013, and dated Brooks on and off last year.

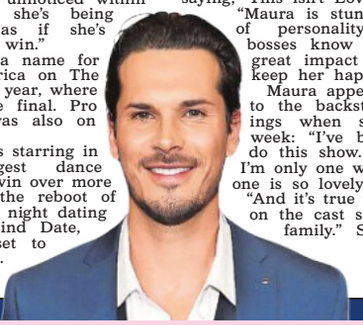
But after a messy break-up he called it "the worst sex of my life".

Maura hit back ahead of his sacking, saying: "I'd be happy to be paired with anyone except Gleb.

"That's only because I'm loyal and I'm friends with Brooks. I don't like the way he speaks about women. I don't really want to spend all my time with someone like that."

Gleb fuelled speculation he had been axed from the show because of Brooks' cheating claims when he said online: "Fourteen years of loyalty, erased by someone's lie."

But he later told fans: "Guys, I promise . . . I'm good. Nothing but love and gratitude for all the years in that ballroom. Excited for this next chapter – and wishing everyone an amazing season." Maura and the show, which starts on September 15, were asked to comment.



Axed from show . . . Gleb

You don't need Maura than 6 bras FabDAILY Page 35

DRILLS SCRAPPED OVER A

Vital exercises . . . at Salisbury Plain, Wilts

YOU & WHAT ARMY?

War games axed as MoD runs out of money

By JEROME STARKEY
Defence Editor

THE Army has been told to stop training in a historic blow to UK defences as the MoD runs out of cash.

War games – including a six-weeker with tanks and gunships due to start in Wales next week – and drills with 90 or more troops have been axed with immediate effect.

Units have been told to cease "collective training" unless they are about to deploy on a mission – leaving our soldiers "twiddling their thumbs".

Former Army chief, General Sir Patrick Sanders, blasted the move as "unbelievably short sighted" and war hero Justin Maciejewski DSO, who runs the National Army Museum, said: "It's a scandal".

He added: "It is unprecedented in the history of the Army since World War Two. Given the seriousness of threats we face, it shows a national dereliction of duty."

An Army source added: "This decision has been forced on us."

Details emerged after Russian President Vladimir Putin issued a thinly-veiled threat to strike Britain.

Asked if Moscow would bomb UK targets, he said: "It's a secret."

The Royal Navy and RAF have also been told to train less to save cash but the impact is less severe.

The Armed Forces have shrunk to a historically small size.

The Army can barely muster 70,000 trained soldiers, the fewest for more than 200 years.

From now, only troops due to deploy overseas or assume a standby role in Britain will continue to train as normal.

The Sun understands that the cuts result from a shortage of cash for this year's running costs.

It is a separate pot of MoD money from investments in major weapons programmes such as ships, fighter jets and nuclear missiles.

Labour's Defence Investment Plan pledged £2billion more for training, but it is not available until 2027.

The MoD admitted the Army was "prioritising" last night and desktop drills will continue for Top Brass to practise large-scale conflicts.

Soldiers will still train in small groups, on basic skills such as driving, fitness, weapons handling and the use of drones.

But company-level exercises, that usually involve 90 to 120 soldiers, and battlegroup drills with several hundred soldiers have been slashed.

A source said: "A tank crew train together as a crew but won't get to train as a squadron of tanks."

Top Brass admitted the cuts risked making it appear that the Army was neglecting Britain's defences – while commanding officers were urged to sugar-coat the news to soldiers.

A source said: "They were told to communicate it carefully as it could give the impression we're not taking preparations for war seriously.

"Now nothing is going to happen. Everything is cancelled. Commanding officers have 600 blokes with nothing to do. It's devastating. Armies train. It's what they do."

PM Andy Burnham has refused to say how or when he plans to increase defence spending.

He was left with a £5billion budget time-bomb by his predecessor, Sir Keir Starmer, who promised £15billion in defence rises of which only £10billion was funded.

Burnham faced a backlash from his own MPs this week with Tan Dhesi, chair of the Defence Select Committee, taking at extraordinary swipe at Prime Minister's Questions.

He said: "Defence is definitely one area where vibes alone just isn't going to be enough.

"So rather than kick the can down the road . . . will the Prime Minister urgently commit to charting a pathway to reach three per cent of GDP spend on defence by 2030?"

Mr Burnham said: "I've made that commitment." Chancellor John Healey, who quit as Defence Secretary over Sir Keir's failure to set out a path to meet the target, appeared to foretell the current crisis.

He said recently that, without more money, he would be forced to "reduce the readiness of our forces and increase the risk to personnel on operations".

Tory leader Kemi Badenoch said: "Our enemies are not going to sit around and wait for Labour to find the money to fight them. Conflict is coming. We must act now."

She vowed to cut welfare spending and reverse Labour's Chagos Island deal to find £10billion for defence. Army games have been trimmed before but sources said the latest cuts were more severe.

One said: "The closest parallel was in the '70s fuel crisis when the forces were ordered to use less petrol." In 1973, troops were told to cut consumption by ten per cent.

Yesterday, the Army said: "Through the Defence Investment Plan, we recently announced £2billion to transform training for the British Army over the next 15 years. That investment makes it all the more important we prioritise

LACK OF DEFENCE FUNDS

Dramatic . . . Warrior infantry fighting vehicle in mock enemy town during Army exercise

On alert . . . soldier in combined helicopter op

It shows a national dereliction of duty

— WAR HERO JUSTIN MACIEJEWSKI, *below*

Troops left `twiddling thumbs' with no exercises

activity that contributes most directly to readiness, deployability and operational effectiveness. That training continues."

Meanwhile, Russia's threat was in the spotlight after Berlin blamed Moscow for a drone attack at its largest cargo airport. It was at least the ninth act of Russian state sponsored sabotage in Europe since 2024.

Former Tory Defence Secretary Grant Shapps said there had been at least four confirmed cases of Russian-backed arson, including a London warehouse fire.

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Money fear . . Ms Badenoch

45 MORE COPS IS 'USELESS'

Summit . . . Burnham and Macron yesterday

French in `sea ban'

SENDING just 45 extra French cops on to beaches to stop small boat migrants is "next to useless" as they will not have powers to enter the water, critics said yesterday.

A new "surge team" will patrol along France's coastline targeting criminal gangs launching mega-dinghies carrying up to 230 migrants per boat.

But the officers will need special permission from their commander to wade in once the craft have been launched. And they are only expected to get that if there is an immediate threat to life.

Shadow Home Secretary Chris Philp said: "It's a joke. These officers can't even go into knee-deep water to stop illegal immigrants. It means they're next to useless.

"More officers changes nothing if they are still banned from going in.

"I saw this for myself in France recently with ten armed French Gendarmerie Nationale – who UK taxpayers fund – standing around doing nothing while 100 illegal immigrants embarked."

PM Andy Burnham met French President Emmanuel Macron yesterday in Downing Street, with the issue a focal point of talks.

The new surge team will be made up of both gendarmes and reservists from the Police Nationale.

By RYAN SABEY

There are more than 1,000 patrolling beaches.

But there are currently just 125 officers who are allowed to step in and stop boats in the water.

Launches of the mega-dinghies are taking place more than 100 miles from Calais as the authorities crack down on beaches closest to Britain.

France says it is now stopping 60 per cent of all the dinghies launched.

Home Secretary Shabana Mahmood defended French cops, saying: "If you just go a few hundred yards up from water's edge, you will see a lot of disruption activity." Downing Street insisted migrant crossings are being driven down.

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PM 'TO BANKRUPT UK'

BRITAIN will go bankrupt under Andy Burnham's leadership because he refuses to say no to colleagues asking for more funds, Tory leader Kemi Badenoch claimed yesterday.

She insisted that his first statement to the Commons as PM on Tuesday made his problem clear — despite turmoil on the money markets over his grip on public finances.

Probed on whether he will bankrupt the country, she said: "If you listen to his statement, I think the answer is 'probably', because he had so many requests for government spending, so many requests for taxpayers' money.

"He didn't say no to anything. If someone doesn't know how to say no, then they will run out of money.

"The problem with socialism is they always run out of other people's money, not their own."

By RYAN SABEY

Meanwhile, senior Labour MP Dame Emily Thornberry said she expected taxes to rise at next month's Budget.

She pointed to "huge strains" on the economy as Chancellor John Healey grapples with inflation, the Iran War and an estimated £14billion blow to finances owing to increases in the Government's borrowing costs.

ARGIE PREZ VOWS TO FIGHT 'TOOTH & NAIL' FOR FALKLANDS: SEE PAGE 17

THE Sun SAYS

French folly

WHAT did yesterday's love-in between Andy Burnham and Emmanuel Macron actually achieve?

For a start, don't expect the small boats to stop any time soon.

It's still hugely in France's interest to let migrants set sail and wait for British border forces to rescue them – especially as we pay £1billion for the privilege.

Burnham's welcoming of a measly 45 extra officers to patrol hundreds of miles of northern French coastline shows the Government is still pathetically grateful for minimum French support.

Yesterday, he couldn't help gushing over France's role in another terrible idea: helping him achieve closer ties to the EU. Sir Keir Starmer was conned by Macron into huge giveaways as part of his notorious "reset".

That included meekly taking rules and standards on food and energy and agreeing to a "youth mobility" scheme for EU workers under 30.

After yesterday's summit it seems we must now prepare for further betrayals of Brexit by Burnham.

But if he thinks binding Britain to the EU is the answer, the PM must be even more confused about economic reality than we thought.

Even Britain's flat-lining economy has outperformed France, Germany and other European nations since Brexit.

Precious few "postcodes" across the EU have seen any growth.

How would further cosying up to Brussels help Burnham deliver it here?

Indefensible

HOW much more damage can Labour's dithering over defence spending inflict?

Never mind actually fighting the Russians in a real war.

As we reveal today, Army top brass are now so cash-strapped they can't even afford for soldiers to **PRACTISE**.

Forcing the axe of major war games with immediate effect is unprecedented.

It is a terrifying example of the decline forced on our military by useless politicians who care more about delivering the next welfare cheque than protecting the country from Vladimir Putin.

Last night, Argentinian president Javier Milei used a nationwide TV address to tell his people they have a "sacred right" to the Falkland Islands.

What chance would Britain have of defending them now?

Loss of Power

THE grim news that Paddy Power could shut 100 high street shops is proof of the insanity of this Government's war on fun.

Around 400 jobs are now at risk, adding to those suffered in closures already announced by William Hill and Betfred.

Labour's senseless taxes and intrusive affordability checks are sending regulated firms to the wall while driving punters into the arms of online black market gangs.

JULIA Hartley-Brewer

Listen to her on Talk, 10am-1pm Monday-Thursday

TEMPTED BY 2-FOR-1 DEAL, DON?

AT least someone is happy that Prince Harry and Meghan have moved back to Britain.

That someone is Donald Trump, who's said he was glad to see the back of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. "I was not a fan", he said of the Duchess, who was "disrespectful" to the late Queen and King Charles. I'm wondering if we're missing a trick here, now that Sir Keir Starmer has decided to end his political career with one last U-turn (by resigning as an MP when he said he wouldn't) to, he says, focus on "international affairs".

I'm not sure what the rest of the world has done to deserve Starmer's attentions, but since we don't want him any more, why don't we create a new US version of Starmer's one-in, one-out deal with France to return Channel migrants.

We've taken back two unwanted migrants to America so it's only fair that, in return, we should ask President Trump if he will offer safe refuge to just one used ex-Prime Minister (nearly new, one careful former national owner and a huge life-long pension).

For the man who wrote "The Art Of The Deal", this two-for-one offer is the bargain of the century.

HOUSE CALL . . . Burnham's first Prime Minister's Questions on Wednesday, watched by Labour ranks who put welfare before defence

Our No1 security threat? Labour MPs

WITH all the talk of funding Britain's defences in the face of an imminent threat from Russia, you might be forgiven for thinking that Vladimir Putin is the biggest menace to our national security.

But you'd be wrong. And, no, it isn't China, Iran or Islamist terrorists either.

The greatest danger to our nation's defences is actually the group of people sitting behind Prime Minister Andy Burnham on the green leather benches in the House of Commons.

I am, of course, talking about Labour's 403 MPs. It is the ranks of Labour MPs – both on the backbenches and those serving in the Government, including Andy Burnham himself – who are the *real* threat because it is they who are preventing us from being able to defend ourselves.

Tory leader Kemi Badenoch has this week joined the Reform leader Nigel Farage in pledging to raise spending on defence to three per cent of GDP by 2030 – all funded by slashing welfare spending.

Yet the man who is sitting in Downing Street with the power to deliver that promise right now is point blank refusing to make that vow.

Even more astonishingly, so is his Chancellor John Healey, who resigned as Defence Secretary just a few short months ago because he claimed that budget boost was vital to keep Britain safe.

Why? Because Labour would rather spend billions on welfare for millions of people who don't need it than keep the entire nation secure.

This, after all, is the same bunch of lefties who voted down an attempt by Sir Keir Starmer to cut the planned increase in the welfare bill by just £5billion to free up some extra cash.

BUDGET . . . Chancellor Healey

Instead of funding our military properly, we have created an army of mental health malingerers living on benefits whose votes are crucial to the Labour MPs who want to keep their own well-paid jobs in Parliament, and who believe that cutting welfare to boost defence spending is not only the wrong thing to do, it's immoral and cruel.

Even if failing to deter the threat from Russia means we are far more likely to end up having to go to war, which would cost many, many thousands of lives.

That's the real problem. We have a huge majority in Parliament for an entire party that just doesn't accept reality.

We have hundreds of Labour MPs who think that taxing people more and spending more public money will deliver growth, who insist that men can magically become women, who genuinely fear that we're all about to die in a climate change catastrophe, and who really do believe that the people who don't want a free-for-all for any foreign criminal to come to our shores are all far-right fascists.

Bury their heads

They are dangerously delusional. They are fantasists, living in a left-wing la-la land of their own hysterical imaginations.

When it comes to the very *real* threats facing our nation, they bury their heads in the sand.

Whether it's illegal migrants raping women and girls, or the madness of Net Zero's stranglehold on our economy, or the menace of Putin's Russia, they simply shrug their shoulders, sip on their almond milk lattes and pretend it's not happening.

Despite years of increasingly frantic warnings from military chiefs and Nato allies about the threat from Russia, most Labour MPs – like our most recent and current PM – won't do anything but pay lip service to the defence of the realm. There are a few honourable exceptions on Labour's benches, such as Tan Dhesi, the chairman of the Commons Defence Committee, who has argued that more investment is "imperative", warning that, with Trump's waning interest in European security, Burnham's "vibes" weren't going to be enough to keep us safe.

Yet his fellow Labour MP Diane Abbott insisted this week that the Russian threat was "Nato fiction" made up to justify giving in to Donald Trump's demands for more defence spending.

Tell that to the Ukrainians burying their war dead for the last four years.

Then there's the latest sabre-rattling from Argentine President Javier Milei over his bid to claim the Falkland Islands 44 years after his country's invasion of the sovereign British territory.

Could we even defend our fellow Brits if Milei did the same?

Spending more on defence isn't an optional extra. It's a necessity. In fact, even boosting our defence spending to three per cent of our national income is only the bare minimum we need to commit.

Britain is spending just 2.3 per cent of GDP – that's £68billion – on defence this year. An increase to three per cent by 2030, given current growth forecasts, would mean spending £108billion on our military that year, with a Nato pledge to spend even more to reach 3.5 per cent by 2035. But in all likelihood, we could already be spending ten times that by 2035 if we are already at war.

It's not just dangerous to fail to boost defence spending. It's immoral.

If we do not have the military forces and equipment to defeat our enemies if they want to attack us, then we cannot deter that attack. And that puts British lives at risk.

Spending money on defence is the best way – the *only* way – to avoid war.

If Labour MPs don't face up to reality soon, the cost to our nation will be a far heavier price to pay.

Sydney sequiny

By HOWELL DAVIES

SYDNEY Sweeney sparkles in her beaded Giorgio Armani evening gown at a gala dinner for the brand.

The Euphoria actress oozed elegant glamour in the sheer dress at the Venice Film Festival event for Armani Beauty, for which she is an ambassador.

Sydney, 28, also enjoyed a romantic day in the Italian city with her music mogul partner Scooter Braun, 45. They looked like two lovestruck tourists as they were snapped snogging on a gondola, *below*.

Toilet trips . . . Gary

Lineker's relief over 'no dates'

By SEBASTIAN HAW

GARY Lineker has said he does not want to date again – because women will be put off by how many times he gets up in the night.

The England football legend, 65, admitted: "As you get older you start making a few more bathroom trips in the night."

He told Davina McCall's Begin Again podcast: "I've been single for quite a few years.

"I dated for a while about three or four years ago but not since.

"I have a lot of female company and companions and friends.

"Unfortunately not with benefits. I don't have much of that nowadays."

Lineker has been married twice, most recently to Welsh model and actress Danielle Bux, who he divorced in 2016.

And he revealed he still keeps in touch with some of his exes.

He added: "I think they put up with me.

"I'm not sure I can imagine regularly sleeping with someone again.

"But who knows what might happen."

BREAD DWARF

TV's Red Dwarf co-creator Rob Grant left his wife £930,000 on his sudden death in February aged 70, records show.

EXCLUSIVE

GOT THE MOVIES LIKE JAGGER

Set the movie cameras Rolling . . . Mick, Ronnie and Keith in 1979

Stones agree film deal

By ELLIE HENMAN

THE Rolling Stones have agreed a mega-money deal for a film about the band.

Insiders said singer Sir Mick Jagger, 83, and guitarists Keith Richards, 82, and Ronnie Wood, 79, signed a contract with 101 Studios last month.

The US company is behind TV shows including Landman, Yellowstone and Mayor of Kingstown.

A source said: "The story of the Rolling Stones is coming to the big screen.

"The band love what 101 Studios have done before and think they're in safe hands. It's early days but the deal is done.

"No casting has started. How the film will look and feel, and the stories it will tell, is being organised now."

It comes after a deal for four separate biopics about The Beatles.

The Fab Four films are being directed by Sir Sam Mendes. They will star Harris Dickinson as John Lennon, Paul Mescal as Sir Paul McCartney, Joseph Quinn as George Harrison and Barry Keoghan as Ringo Starr, and are due out in 2028.

Sir Mick was asked this summer whether the Stones would consider agreeing to a biopic, and the frontman replied: "I have thought about it a lot."

He seemed to rule out being portrayed by someone like One Direction singer Harry Styles, 32, *below*, who could have been a prime candidate after he turned his hand to acting.

Mick said: "I want someone playing me at 20. I want them to be in their 20s, at least in their 20s.

"So it would be a pretty unknown actor. It wouldn't be a big star actor."

He added: "It would be someone just on the cusp of being famous that would play me and that would have that energy and a sort of innocence as well."

The Stones are still flying high in the charts – 63 years after their first hit.

This summer the veteran rockers landed their 15th No1 album in Britain with Foreign Tongues.

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Warning . . . Bradshaw

Prepare for food shortage, UK told

By ANDY ROBINSON

BRITAIN must be ready for possible crippling food shortages, ministers have been warned.

"Catastrophic events" due to extreme weather, cyber attacks and disease could hit supply chains.

Public spending watchdog the National Audit Office called for more help for businesses and households to draw up emergency plans.

Farmers face their worst harvest on record after the recent drought.

Their national union chief Tom Bradshaw said the UK had taken food availability "for granted".

But he said support was needed to prevent a repeat of bare shop shelves in 2022, when olive oil, lettuce, broccoli, tomatoes and eggs were in short supply due to a bird flu outbreak and Russia's Ukraine invasion.

Government food agency Defra said the PM "has made clear that food security is national security".

Knifed . . Mrs Williams

Boy who stabbed teacher is locked up

By ALEX WEST

A SCHOOLBOY who stabbed a teacher in the head has been sentenced to four and a half years in youth detention.

Vicki Williams said she thought she would die after the pupil, then 15, attacked her in a class with an eight-inch knife.

The mum of one said: "Those eyes are not something I am going to forget quickly. The look was pure hatred."

The boy, who cannot be identified, was cleared of attempted murder but found guilty of GBH.

Swansea crown court heard he waited until Mrs Williams was alone, went behind her, then grabbed the blade from his bag.

She fought back despite being much smaller and he fled. The pair had no issues before the attack in February in Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, the court was told.

She said she is suffering PTSD and is unsure if she will teach again.

THE A-TEAM LEGEND MR T ON Me

By ROD McPHEE
TV Editor

FACEMAN brought the looks, Murdock the humour and Hannibal "the plan", but if it was not for Mr T's B.A. Baracus, there would be no A-Team.

But the Eighties icon, who played the genius mechanic with a fear of flying, also sparked the show's demise – with his castmates jealous of his global fame.

At one point during The A-Team's four-year run from 1983, the former nightclub bouncer from the projects of South Chicago was considered the most famous man on the planet.

With his distinctive mohawk and heavy gold chains, he had been plucked from virtual obscurity by Sylvester Stallone in 1982 to star in the third instalment of his Rocky films.

Mr T, real name Laurence Tureaud, is now the subject of a Netflix documentary, out on Tuesday, in which he reveals the secrets behind The A-Team's success and why his career peaked and fell away due to his ego.

He recalls: "The president of NBC says, 'I want to create a series on this guy Mr T, with the mohawk, where he's driving a car or bus or something. Then we'll build some other people around him'.

"So he brought in 'Faceman' Dirk Benedict, 'Murdock' Dwight Schultz and 'Hannibal' George Peppard.

"I was the only guy who didn't audition for The A-Team."

'We beat up the Fonz, beat up Magnum and then started kicking 60 Minutes' butts. We was No1. Like we say, we love it when a plan comes together'

'Blown the deal'

The four men played ex-special forces soldiers, branded war criminals for a crime they did not commit. They became heroes for hire in a classic TV good versus evil caper with cartoonish violence, a famous black van and an epic theme tune.

Of the show's success, Mr T, 74, says: "We beat up the Fonz *(Happy Days)*, we beat up Magnum and then we started kicking 60 Minutes' butts.

"We was number one. Like we say, 'We love it when a plan comes together'."

But just like Mr T's gold chains, the actor's mass appeal weighed heavy on veteran actor Peppard, who struggled to hide his jealousy towards his co-star, who by now was "the hottest star on television", according to his ex-agent Peter Young.

NBC created a Mr T cartoon which aired on Saturday mornings and he also became an advertiser's dream, featuring in countless commercials with his "you crazy fool" catchphrase.

He was also known for the famous line "I pity the fool", which came from Rocky III.

Mr T's sheer level of fame took its toll on Peppard, triggering clashes between the pair.

Young explains: "I believe season one and two everyone was getting along. It was called The A-Team and they were a real team, but George Peppard was always jealous of T because of the fame.

"Then it was the third or fourth season when George was very insulting to him and T wanted off the show. T was very unique. I think right time, right place, right everything fuelled the fire to make him hot and then the fire just kind of dwindled."

The A-Team was widely expected to launch Mr T on to even greater things.

But the mass marketing of his brand turned him into a caricature and softened his impact as an actor.

Plus, by this stage, Mr T was believing in his own hype.

Young recalls: "In his stardom he did expect to be treated better and better. When he became extremely famous and made an appearance, he said he'd 'only go if they send me a white stretch limo. I want bottles of Calgon Bouquet by the bath'.

"If it wasn't the right way, it would be disrespectful to him.

"There have been projects certainly worth doing where T had blown the deal over monies. Not enough. I think he does self-sabotage."

The resulting years saw his career blighted with money squabbles with his family and flop film roles, including playing a bearded lady in 1993 black comedy Freaked.

However, it was still a career beyond the wildest dreams for a kid born into poverty in the Robert Taylor Housing projects in Chicago.

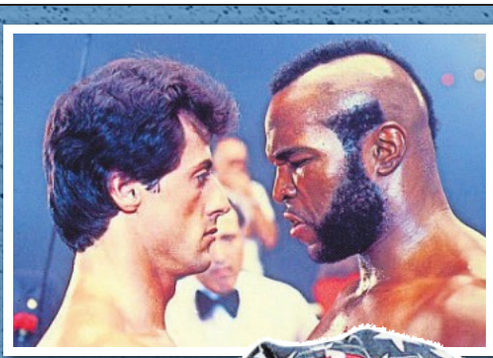
"Poor black people packed on top of each other," is how he describes it. Raised by his parents alongside seven brothers and four sisters, Mr T sculpted his famous physique by performing pull-ups on trees as a youngster.

Shocked teachers could not believe he was not using weights.

He excelled at sports in school, namely wrestling and American football, but after an incident involving his beloved mum Willie, Mr T's calling in life changed.

She was mugged for her welfare cheque while returning to her high-rise flat and after receiving a call from his sister, Mr T was intent on revenge.

He said: "I had a pump shotgun, 12 gauge, put it in my car, drive down

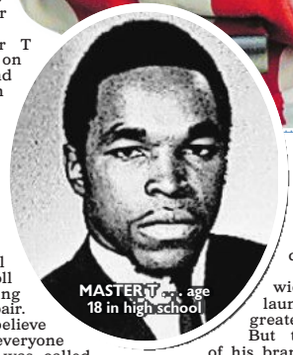


ROCKY START . . . opposite Stallone in third film in series

FIGHT NIGHT . . . watching boxing match with Muhammad Ali in 1985

KNEES UP . . . with First Lady Nancy Reagan on his lap in 1983

ALL-AMERICAN . . . Mr T, now 74, in the Netflix documentary



MASTER T . . . age 18 in high school

HIS EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND TIMES

THE GANG . . . A-Team stars Schultz, Benedict, Peppard and Mr T, with Melinda Culea as Amy Allen

GOLDEN YEARS . . . heavily chained Mr T as BA

MAN WITH VAN . . . the team's black 1983 GMC Vandura

I became 'Mr' to get respect

MR T has revealed the reason he changed his name shortly before becoming a bodyguard.

Born Laurence Tureaud, the A-Team star wanted to command a level of respect not given to his father and brothers.

He explains: "As a black man being brought up in white society I saw my father being called 'boy', then I saw my brother who came back from Vietnam being called 'boy'.

"I self-ordained myself Mr T so the first word out of everybody's mouth would be 'Mr'. That's a sign of respect my father didn't get.

"So when they're addressing me as 'Mr T', you're addressing my father, my brothers and other black men who came up from the ranks who were disrespected.

"If you respect the man, respect the name, you will address me as 'Mr T'."

He used the new name when appearing on 1980 game show Games People Play to test the skills of security guards, where he was crowned America's Toughest Bouncer.

His role in the series caught the attention of Sylvester Stallone, who later cast him in Rocky III.

crazy fool!

HOT SHOT . . . as B.A. Baracus at peak of career in Eighties

there, guys waiting downstairs. I said, 'Hey man, my mother got robbed, know anything about it?'.

"'No, man, know nothing about it'. Bam, knocked the guy's teeth out with the butt of the gun.

"'Don't lie to me MF, you know something. I'm going to kill you for not knowing nothing'.

"Guys got to know we gonna bring the heat, we coming, and after a couple of days, found them one at a time and I had to do what I had to do.

"I was insane, it was like an out-of-body thing, thinking about my mother and seeing her shaking there.

"You know why I feel so bad? Because I wasn't there to protect her. I could be like a magician and make people disappear. I was born for that moment.

"I'm that shield, my job is to protect you from whoever come near and do harm.

"That's when it hit me, I'm going to become a bodyguard."

Bad business decisions

He changed his name to Mr T and got business cards printed, which read: "Mr T, bodyguard extraordinaire – next to God, there is no better protector than I."

And he lived up to the billing, as word soon got round that this burly security guard working at Dingbats Discotheque was no ordinary bouncer. He was later hired to protect A-listers including Diana Ross and Michael Jackson.

But it was a job shepherding boxer Leon Spinks, who had just beaten his hero Muhammad Ali to become the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world in 1978, which caught Hollywood's attention.

He appeared in a game show for bouncers in 1980, where he was spotted by Stallone, who was looking for a new opponent for Rocky Balboa to fight in his third Rocky film.

Mr T successfully landed the role of Clubber Lang, a big-punching bruiser from Chicago, which catapulted him to stardom.

And the world became obsessed by this mohawked hardman with gold chains, combat boots and feather earrings.

Due to his Christian beliefs, Mr T never fell victim to the rampant drug culture of Eighties Hollywood like so many of his contemporaries did.

He married Phyllis Clark in 1971 and the pair had three children, including daughter Erica Clark, who is now a comedian.

They divorced in the mid-Eighties but the veteran star recently revealed he is engaged and set to marry his partner, who is keeping out of the spotlight.

Mr T brought his mother a house so she could finally leave the projects, but you get the impression he is not living a lavish lifestyle off the proceeds of his career. Having successfully beaten a rare form of cancer in 2001, he is now a born-again Christian with close links to the United States Army and Make-A-Wish Foundation.

And he feels these last points were underplayed in the documentary, which he has blasted for focusing too much on his bad business decisions.

However, he still embraces his most famous role, regularly meeting A-Team fans at events including Comic Con.

They fly out in droves to meet him because, obviously, he "ain't getting in no plane".

● **Untold Mr. T: I Pity The Fool is released on Tuesday on Netflix.**

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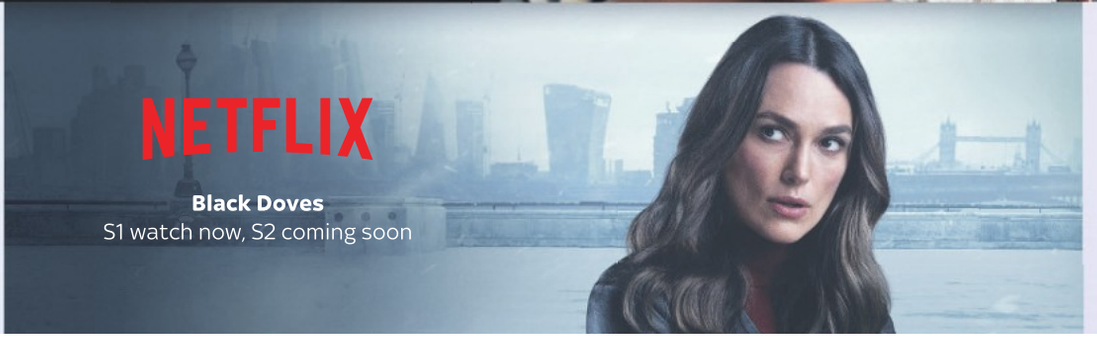

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Unexpected morons in the bagging area

TIPPING Point, Ben Shephard: "How many sides does an isosceles triangle have?"

Steve: "Five."

Ben Shephard: "Goal.com is a website that provides news and information about which ball sport?" Shilpa: "Golf."

The Weakest Link, Romesh Ranganathan: "In England what letter is attached to a vehicle to indicate its user is learning how to drive?"

Donna Preston: "A car."

BBC London's Briohny Williams failing to mention hundreds of arrests (many for sexual assault) during a shameful Bank Holiday Monday report from the Notting Hill Carnival.

Good Morning Britain refusing even to discuss the possibility that the "illegal developers" who destroyed a wildlife haven in Hertfordshire might be travellers rather than, say, the local tennis club.

Random irritations

BBC1's "tense drama" Vigil, which could bore the bronze bollocks off The Thinker.

And the relentlessly puritanical BBC giving a "discriminatory language" trigger warning before screening a 1978 Top Of The Pops episode featuring Jilted John. Morons.

Wham! rap on the knuckles for bitter old An'roo Widdly

HALF an hour into BBC2's Wham!: 10 Days In China masterpiece, a journalist asked the 1985 version of Andrew Ridgeley a question that went to the heart of his professional relationship with George Michael.

"What do each of you bring to the partnership?"

Honest answer?

George brings the songs, lyrics, voice, charm and genius. Andrew brings a tartan suit and sunglasses.

But instead, the visibly riled guitarist, who was on a walkabout in downtown Beijing, ummed and ahhed a bit, before replying: "Well, I always bring the tea, he brings the cake and the sandwiches."

Then he glared at the journalist.

And he's been glaring at them ever since judging by 10 Days In China. A superb film which welded together contemporary interviews and original footage of the two landmark gigs in China where they got off to an absolute flier with the introductions at a state banquet in Wham!'s honour.

"Famous British singing star . . . George Mickel. An' famous British singing star . . . An'roo Widdly."

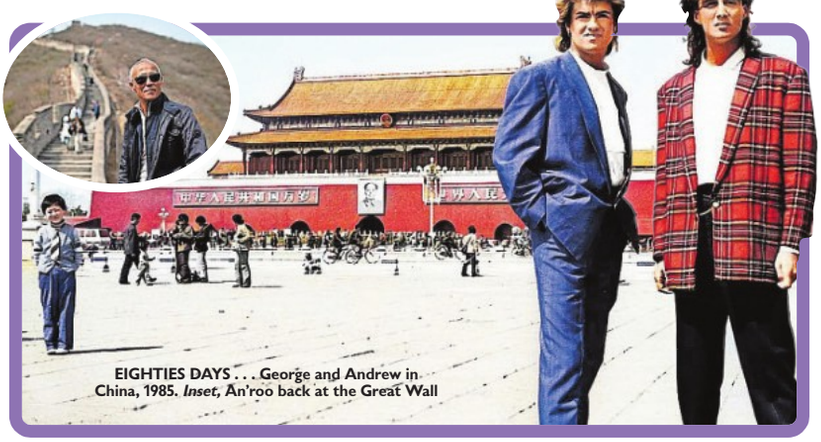
Pelvic thrusts

Frankly, if nothing else quite as funny had happened over the rest of the 85 minutes, I'd still have been hooked on this documentary.

Happy to report, though, that there was a Spinal Tap quality to the 10 Days where everything that could possibly have gone wrong did go wrong.

The director of the original and long-lost film, Oscar-winning Lindsay Anderson, knackered his knee and ended up in a wheelchair. Andrew insulted everything that moved. One of Wham!'s trumpeters stabbed himself on a flight to the second gig in Guangzhou, covering Pepsi & Shirlie in blood.

And the support act, a breakdancer called Trevor, caused a minor international incident by writhing around and doing pelvic thrusts in front of senior Communist Party officials. With the result?



EIGHTIES DAYS . . . George and Andrew in China, 1985. *Inset,* An'roo back at the Great Wall

Chinese police went ape-s**t and arrested everyone who started dancing and Wham! performed to a terrified silence in Beijing.

If there was a weakness here it was that we got no update on Trevor, who'd been booked by the band's manager Simon Napier-Bell because he was so cheap compared with every other part of this gigantic PR stunt.

The rest were all present and correct, though and it was a cast list of your TV dreams which included: Pepsi, Shirlie, Simon Napier-Bell, who correctly saw the trip as a shortcut to cracking America, a very solemn Chinese translator called Ling Ling and the Daily Star's former showbiz correspondent Rick Sky, who arrived to be interviewed dressed as a stretcher-bearer from the Rajputana Rifles.

And then, of course, there was An'roo Widdly. Poor poor An'roo. You'd have some sympathy with him, living in the shadow of one of pop's greatest geniuses, if he wasn't so haughty and disdainful.

Four decades after they split, he also seems incapable of sharing any of the carefree happiness Wham! brought to the world.

Or indeed doing anything other than continuing a one-way feud with the Press that was so pig-headed he took the Chinese Communist Party line over the arrests at the opening gig rather than acknowledge the truth of tabloid reports.

His enduring bitterness could have cast a terrible shadow over 10 Days In China.

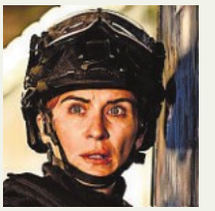
The fact it doesn't is ultimately down to the music of George Michael, which was so infectious even the solemn comrades of China, a place once described by writer PJ O'Rourke as "the land that rhythm forgot", ended the tour embracing the band at a frenzied and triumphant second gig in Guangzhou.

Timing is everything, naturally. In 1985, just as Wham! were on the brink of conquering the US, China was also ready to cast off the grim socialist economy that had starved and bored its population to death and embrace the happy prosperity of capitalism.

It's pushing the truth to suggest the country was given the decisive nudge by Wham!'s arrival.

But they certainly left a slice of the population, in the words of one Chinese fan, with "a sense we could feel freedom. It was like opening a window".

And that's quite a legacy. (Wham!: 10 Days In China is available to watch on the BBC iPlayer.)



DAMN & BLAST . . . Lana

IT JUST WON'T WASH

OVER on the fourth series of ITV's Trigger Point, Vicky "Lana Washington" McClure and her bomb disposal planks are trying to stop another group of terrorists destroying London, armed only with a torch and a set of pliers.

Who these madmen are, we do not yet know.

Based on past runs, though, I am ruling out any possibility they may be Islamic whackjobs. Nor are any of the characters even raising it as a possibility, thereby destroying the credibility not just of the drama but ITV's as well.

The live mystery, however, is how the terrorists will ever be dumb enough to be caught by Lana's institutionally thick EXPO team. Thickest of the lot is probably a fresh recruit called Wren, who heard boss DCI Batra being blown to smithereens in episode one.

She then listened intently as a colleague told her "Bronze Investigator One was closest to the device and has not survived the blast", before exclaiming: "He's dead? How?"

In fairness to her, stupidity does go all the way to the top at EXPO, where you'll find Julie Graham's Nia Quentin who has a "Gold Command" of the bleeding obvious and a dreadful habit of saying: "You disarm the device before it reaches its target."

Thank goodness then for the all-seeing wisdom of torch-wielding Lana Washington who, with multiple explosions still ringing in her ears, told her numskull unit: "These people have got explosives and we don't know what they've got planned."

Me neither, Wash.

But maybe brace for more explosions.

THIS Morning's question of the week. Sian Welby: "Could crystals be the answer to achieving your dreams?"

No, but growing the hell up would certainly help.

EASTENDERS, Gina: "I'm sorry for the way I've been acting." Appreciated, but it means nothing until I've heard from the rest of the cast.

lookalike of the week

THIS week's winner is Erling Haaland and Alan Tracy from the original Thunderbirds. Sent by Tom Eadie, London.

Great sporting insights

JAMIE CARRAGHER: "I wouldn't say Saliba is the only world-class player in the Arsenal team, but I think he is."

Stuart Broad: "We stood a long time for the portrait sitting." And Ashley Williams: "That's where the game was won for Forest even though they didn't win."

(Compiled by Graham Wray)

TV GOLD

BBC2's touching, funny and unforgettable documentary Wham!: 10 Days In China stood out a mile from everything else on the telly this week.

But honourable mentions should also go to: Channel 4's 24 Hours In Police Custody and The Jury: 14 And On Trial For Murder, Netflix's The Whisper Man (if you enjoy having the crap scared out of you), BBC1's brilliant cosy crime drama Ludwig, the horrifyingly brutal Stolen Babies on BBC2, the Benidorm Is Murder finale on Channel 5, and Celebrity MasterChef co-host Giorgio Locatelli summing up not just TommyInnit's dessert but his entire YouTube career in just four words: "Tom's doing some waffle."

FINALE . . . John Hannah in Benidorm Is Murder, and MasterChef's Giorgio

GREAT TV lies and delusions of the month. Good Morning Britain, Labour Party fan-girl Ranvir Singh: "Andy Burnham is a great communicator, we can all accept." (We can?)

Celebrity MasterChef, India Fisher: "From Bolton to the bright lights of prime-time, Paddy McGuinness has become one of Britain's most beloved entertainers."

And Celebrity Hunted, Brian Conley's daughter Lucy: "Dad, stop being funny."

Stop? STOP? I've been waiting for him to start since Summertime Special, in 1987.

MEANWHILE, back on Celebrity MasterChef, Grace Dent: "Max (Fosh), you've made it so long the only way I can eat it is by curling and curling and curling and then putting this enormous thing into my mouth. If we were on a date together and you saw me do that would you want to see me again?"

Grace, if you did that on a date, he'd never even want to eat again.

CELEBRITY MasterChef throuplee Una Healy, *left:* "I grew up in a house in Ireland where it was all meat and two veg."

Before moving into a house in London, with David Haye, where it was all meat and two veg.

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TRUMP ALLY ON ATTACK

ARGIES IN 'FIGHT' FOR FALKLANDS

Sabre rattle . . President Javier Milei

By NICK PARKER, Foreign Editor

ARGENTINA'S president last night vowed to fight "tooth and nail" for the Falklands.

In a warning to the UK, Javier Milei declared the isles as "sacred" to his people.

Ally Donald Trump also weighed in on the row – suggesting the US would not come to Britain's aid in any conflict there as "your country was not there to help me" over Iran.

The US president said America's support for the British Falklands sovereignty was "under review". He also doubted UK "capacity" to win a war over the disputed territory.

In a statement on X, Milei said Argentina had a "historic claim" to the South Atlantic islands – despite never having owned them. He added that the Malvinas, Argentina's name for the Falklands, which have big offshore oil reserves, amounted to "vital interests of the nation".

Last night, The Daily Telegraph reported that Buenos Aires and Washington were believed to be discussing a potential deal to give the US access to the oil.

Milei, meanwhile, is reportedly set to impose sanctions on offshore drilling, which is partly headed by British firm Rockhopper Exploration.

It could scupper plans to supply Britain and Europe from the largest deposit of oil in UK waters – dubbed Sea Lion around 130 miles north of the Falklands – by 2028.

Prez in 'tooth & nail' vow

More than 900 troops, including 255 Brits, died in the 1982 Falklands War after Argentina's invasion.

Today, they are defended by up to 1,500 UK military personnel and a detachment of RAF jets. PM Andy Burnham insists Britain's Falklands commitment is "unwavering".

War veteran Simon Weston, 65, who was badly burned in an Argentine air strike, said: "Milei is saying nothing that he hasn't said 100 times before and it's all nonsense. Why should Britain give Argentina territory it's never owned?"

He also accused Mr Trump of "stirring the pot to wind up Labour".

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SPAIN MIGRANT FURY

By NICK PARKER, Foreign Editor

TENS of thousands protest in Spain over the nation's migrant crisis, a month after a mass influx into North African enclave Ceuta.

In the capital Madrid, some 50,000 attended a rally on Wednesday.

It came after 72,000 crossed from Morocco into Ceuta on July 30 and 31. Yesterday, 83 migrants, including a baby, died after a boat from Gambia heading for the Canaries was adrift in the Atlantic for 26 days.

72K crossed into Ceuta from Morocco in 2 days in late July – 5,000 remain

50K people protested in capital Madrid over the nation's migrant crisis

Claims . . . James

PE Miss 'had sex with boy 4 times'

By ALEX WEST

A PE teacher had sex at her home with a 16-year-old pupil while they watched Wimbledon, a court heard yesterday.

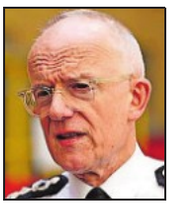
Bronwen James, 30, invited the boy to her home for sex up to four times, jurors heard.

She allegedly organised meetings with him on Snapchat and picked him up so they could kiss in her car.

The court also heard that she told him she loved him and wanted to move away with him.

Prosecutors at Winchester crown court said James, from Chippenham, Wilts, named the boy Number 8 in her phonebook, and suggested he was "the eighth man or boy she had slept with".

James, who was teaching at Bitterne Park School in Southampton at the time of the alleged offences, denies sexual activity with a child while in a position of trust. The trial continues.



Worried . . . Rowley

Carnival teen with 18in knife is freed

By MIKE SULLIVAN

A NOTTING Hill Carnival reveller caught with an 18in knife was back on the streets last night – the fourth time he has been freed after being caught with deadly blades this year.

Met Police Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley revealed the "deeply concerning" case yesterday.

He told the force's governing London Policing Board the "overloaded justice system is getting weaker and weaker," leaving criminals with guns and knives at large.

The carnival reveller's D-handled zombie knife was found hidden in his trouser leg on Sunday.

The 17-year-old pleaded guilty to possessing a knife at Highbury Corner magistrates' court, North London, on Monday.

The teen – already on court bail – was freed and granted conditional bail to attend Willesden magistrates' court for sentencing on October 1.

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NATALIE: I FOUND MY 'RITHM

IT'S a fact of life we all struggle to get away from but NATALIE IMBRUGLIA channelled our fascination with doomscrolling into a new album.

Algorithm, the first release from her own label Landgirl Records, is an 11-track album of upbeat but emotional songs.

The brilliant Just Drive, released in July, was a tease of the slew of hidden gems on the record, including opener Debbie and Sounds Like It Feels.

So what, I ask the Torn singer, keeps her up late at night on her phone?

"Conspiracy stuff," Natalie replies with a cheeky smile. "I read them with a wry eye but they're fascinating."

How about Finstas – a new favourite among celebs who open secret Instagram accounts to look at people's profiles undetected.

"I don't use it any more," Natalie explains, before laughing: "You forget what account you are in and start replying."

This album was five years in the making, with Natalie teaming up with MYRIOT, FRASER T SMITH and Scottish singer DAVID SNEDDON.

"It's just been incredible", Natalie explains.

"Dave Sneddon was a big collaborator on this album as a songwriter. He brought a really cool energy."

Inspired by her own life experiences, Natalie admits going through the perimenopause had a big impact on her writing.

"The way I was behaving felt shameful," Natalie says.

"But it felt like everyone was screaming at me.

"I kept saying, 'I don't feel like myself'. You start thinking, 'What is wrong with me?'

"I had scans, I went to a rheumatoid specialist, I thought I had lupus."

After starting hormone treatment, Natalie found her balance again.

Natalie says starting her own label, Landgirl Records, has been "liberating", as we chat about life at home in the countryside with her son, who was born in 2019 through IVF.

Happily single, Natalie seems totally at peace and has no time for romance.

"I'm actually on my feet and not needing that," Natalie says.

"I'm so fulfilled with work and my son. To me, this is all perfect."

Now Natalie is gearing up to get back on stage, and she couldn't be more excited.

"I'm definitely doing shows next year which we'll announce before Christmas," she says.

"These songs are amazing and written for performing live."

RANKIN

PERFECT BALANCE . . singer is happily single as she releases new LP

ARIANA TO PROMOTE FOCKERS

ARIANA GRANDE's break from the public eye will include a small amount of work, as insiders have confirmed she will still promote her Meet The Parents film sequel, Focker-In-Law.

She completed her Eternal Sunshine tour in London on Tuesday and is now taking a break from the industry, following intense public scrutiny regarding her appearance.

However, Ariana, *right*, will make a handful of press appearances for the film, out on November 25, in which she stars opposite **BEN STILLER** and **ROBERT DE NIRO**.

That said, sources in the US insist her schedule won't be anything like as strenuous as the slew of interviews and premieres she undertook for the two Wicked films.

That's certainly going to be for the best.

AMELIA DIMOLDENBERG is ending her long-running Chicken Shop Date YouTube show.

It has seen her go on comedy dates with stars including BILLIE EILISH, ED SHEERAN and CHER since 2014.

In a post to fans yesterday she said the upcoming episodes will be the last as it's time to "move on to another adventure".

DEAN'S SACRIFICE FOR BBC

DEAN McCULLOUGH has admitted "sacrificing my public views" to be a presenter on Radio 1.

He hosted his final show yesterday after six years at the BBC but confessed he had to be quiet about certain parts of his life due to his job with the broadcaster.

Dean, *right*, wrote on Instagram: "I'd spent three and a half years at LGBTQ+ station Gaydio being outspoken and opinionated on air.

"Moving to the BBC meant sacrificing my public views and in turn, a part of my voice. It's not been easy and I've had to do a lot of my advocacy in the shadows.

"But this chapter has been full of learnings and I wanted to take a moment to say thank you to my listeners and producers, the people that matter, for just allowing me to be me."

Kaia's birthday bodysuit

CAPTURE MEDIA/GIVENCHY/JUERGEN TELLER

AS a top model, KAIA GERBER knows you have to suffer for fashion, so that's why she still looked stunning while reclining on this rocky beach in a photoshoot for Givenchy.

She has been snapped up by the designer brand and wore a highlighter yellow outfit with a chunky black necklace to splay out on the uncomfortable-looking stones.

But she's in good company as Kaia is fronting the campaign with Nineties fashion star EVA HERZIGOVA.

Thankfully, the actress had a more comfortable day yesterday, when she celebrated her 25th birthday with an outing to Disneyland with her pals.

It's been a good year for her so far, as she has had a starring role in the TV series The Shards and landed the cover of US Vogue.

All of that ought to have made it a very happy birthday indeed.

ELLIE HENMAN'S

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ADELA PRAISES NIC

PINK-haired singer **ADELA** has caught the attention of **NICOLE KIDMAN** after naming a song after her on her debut album.

She dropped her record Prima today, along with a video for Nicole Kidman.

Reacting to the news that the pop star, *right*, had been inspired by her, the actress said: "I absolutely know who she is and she's coming to Nashville, and I'm going to go see her."

I've been given a sneak peek at the record and can assure fans they will love it.

DOLLY PARTON has been given her own day by Manhattan's borough president following her death last month. Brad Hoylman-Sigal has declared September 25 Dolly Parton Appreciation Day. In the States it's written 9/25, so looks like the title of her hit 9 To 5.

COMEBACK . . . Celine in Paris this week

CELINE'S £1M HOTEL BILL AHEAD OF GIG

CELINE DION's big comeback is just days away, with fans flocking to Paris to see the music icon return to the stage a week tomorrow.

And it's safe to say the vocal powerhouse is living like a queen, racking up almost £1million in hotel bills while in the French capital, after flying in last weekend.

Luckily for her, though, I understand the cash is being stumped up by her promoters, AEG Live.

The Canadian superstar is staying in the 5★ Le Royal Monceau – Raffles Paris, where her £17,000-a-night suite boasts three marble bathrooms.

Helpfully, it also includes a private gym for her to continue to get fighting fit ahead of the shows, away from guests and their camera phones.

A source said: "Celine is being treated like the music royalty she is.

"She arrived in Paris last month ahead of the first gig and will be at Raffles for all of her stay.

"£1million is an insane amount for any hotel bill, but when you think of the many millions the shows are making for both AEG and Paris's economy, it's just a drop in the ocean."

It's been six years since Celine last performed a full show, amid a series of health battles, including living with stiff-person syndrome.

Hopefully, her big comeback will be worth the wait.

EL GIVES 'EM HELL

Goulding reveals heartache on album

WHILE most shy away from pain, ELLIE GOULDING leans into hers for new album I Know Too Much.

And it makes the ten-track record, out today, one of her greatest pieces of work.

Her searingly honest lyrics shine a light on the last two years of her life, while the mix of pacy beats and stripped-back acoustic ballads elevate her ethereal voice.

Part heartbreak, part rebirth, I Know Too Much takes listeners on a journey through deceit and betrayal before ending in a place of euphoria with final song Ravers.

The end of her marriage to art dealer **CASPAR JOPLING** has most definitely inspired some of the tracks.

SPLIT . . . with Caspar

But you can also see how fans might link some lyrics to her apparent unhappiness with her old management team, with whom she is now locked in a nasty legal battle after they parted ways earlier this year.

Two ultimate diss tracks, Always Thinking Of You and Misremember You, are sure-fire hits for the broken-hearted.

Lyrically, the latter is raw, with Ellie singing: "All my friends would die if they knew I still see you in a good light from time to time. But I won't let the truth get in the way of a good story.

"I'll leave out all the details that don't add up to your glory."

On Always Think Of You, Ellie chides: "Run your mouth, when I post a pretty picture you would make me take it down.

"The s**t you did then I would never put up with now."

She continues: "Losing your s**t over something small, throwing a fit like you're two feet tall, blame it on me, or the alcohol, what do you know now, Mr know it all?"

For Your Entertainment and Loser are my stand-out favourites, with the lyrics on Loser enough to make any of her former flames cringe.

"See you got a new job, new life, got a new girl that's fine, you're not fooling anybody," Ellie sings.

"You can change all your clothes, baby you're still a loser.

"Change your cologne, you still smell like a loser."

I'll be singing that on repeat any time someone gets on my wick.

FIRST LISTEN
I Know Too Much, Ellie Goulding

JADE THIRLWALL is making moves into the fashion world by signing with global modelling agency Next Management.

The former LITTLE MIX star has struck up a relationship with the firm in a bid to land deals with international brands.

They have good form, as they have previously represented SUKI WATERHOUSE and ALEXA CHUNG.

Jade is currently working on her second studio album, so I'm sure some extra cash from a modelling deal or two will be very welcome.

BLUNT TURNS TO AIRPLANE MODE

JAMES BLUNT's eighth studio album, Airplane Mode, will be out on November 6.

Today he has dropped a single from it, Weight Of It All, and announced a European tour kicking off in Leeds on March 26, with tickets on sale at 10am on Wednesday.

Ahead of the launch of his musical Misfits Together in Leicester next September, **BASTILLE**'s **DAN SMITH** has released the first song, Oh America.

Dan, *inset*, and **RALPH PELLEYMOUNTER** wrote the project together and they will release the soundtrack, which has been inspired by **MARILYN MONROE**'s romance wth playwright **ARTHUR MILLER**, on March 12.

Six months after their debut Wasted On Youth went to No3, **THE MOLOTOVS** have announced the follow-up Welcome To Urbia will be out on April 9, with the first single Urbia, released today.

Other tracks to get your ears around this weekend include **TAKE THAT** and **MICHAEL PATRICK KELLY**'s collaboration Feel My Love and rising star **LUCA GEORGE**'s Ashes.

With HOWELL DAVIES & JACK HARDWICK

Sneezer snooper

THE NHS could predict flu and Covid outbreaks by using smartphones to eavesdrop on people coughing in their sleep, Government scientists say.

A UK Health Security Agency study found AI analysis of bedroom recordings could serve as an early warning system.

Prof Steven Riley said: "Surveillance could contribute to an earlier, richer and more resilient understanding of population respiratory health."

COUNTRY & RESTERN

Country & western is the easiest music to nod off to, scientists at Alpine Hearing Protection found – and K-pop the hardest.

SPLIT TESS & VERN HOLS

By JAKE PENKETHMAN

TV'S Tess Daly and Radio 2's Vernon Kay smile on a holiday with their daughters — four months after announcing their divorce.

Former Strictly Come Dancing host Tess, *left*, shared photos of the pair's getaway with Phoebe and Amber.

She wrote: "Last blast of South of France summer with the fam."

The couple announced their split in May after 22 years of marriage.

Aldi price and packaging correct as of 28/08/26. Village Bakery White Rolls 6 pack, 45p, 8p each. Ashfields British Cooked Ham 10 slices, 115g, 75p, £6.52 per kg. Nature's Pick Mini Bananas 7 pack, 88p, 13p each. Brooklea Little Delights Strawberry, Apricot & Raspberry Fromage Frais 282g, 75p, £2.66 per kg. Emporium Cheese Triangles 8 pack, 140g, 99p, £7.07 per kg. Nature's Pick Chopped Iceberg Lettuce 200g, 64p, £3.20 per kg. Subject to availability. Photography shows serving suggestion. Product packaging and prices may vary in store, Scotland, Wales, Aldi Local and online.

TAX BLOW

PADDY'S BET SHOP CLOSURES

100 stores facing axe

By RYAN SABEY

PADDY Power bosses face closing up to 100 shops with the loss of 400 jobs — and blame recent tax hikes.

The move comes on the back of Betfred planning to close 132 shops and William Hill and 888 owner Evoke shutting 270.

The closures follow former Chancellor Rachel Reeves raising duty on gaming machines in betting outlets, plus an online sports betting tax coming in next year.

Tory shadow sports minister Louie French said: "Labour's morality police and economic incompetence continue to destroy high street jobs."

The Sun's Save Our Bets campaign is urging ministers not to lift betting duties further at the Budget.

Paddy Power also blamed rising costs, such as higher National Insurance and energy bills. The firm has not said how the closures will be split across the UK and Ireland.

Grainne Hurst, of the Betting and Gaming Council, said: "The sector repeatedly warned of shop closures, job losses and less investment – and sadly that is exactly what we are seeing. "Since the last Budget alone, more than 640 betting shops have now closed and around 5,000 jobs have been lost across the sector."

A spokesman for the Government said: "Gambling duty reforms will raise around £1billion a year to help fund the Government's priorities, including support with the cost of living."

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In peril . . . betting shop

Sun SPOT

THE Gretsch guitar played by leather-jacket-clad George Michael in the 1987 Faith video could sell for £100,000 at a London auction next month.

MOZZIE ALERT

AN invasive mosquito species known to transmit diseases such as dengue fever and Zika virus has been found breeding in the UK for the first time.

But experts say the risk to the public remains low and, despite heatwaves, the climate here is too cold for Aedes aegypti mosquitoes to survive long-term.

The UK Health Security Agency stepped up surveillance and trapping after the insects and larvae were found at homes in East London.

Offence . . . party drug

Raps for banned laughing gas rise

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES

LAUGHING gas offences have soared despite the drug being banned, Home Office figures show.

They also reveal that seven in ten of those caught go unpunished.

Police in England and Wales recorded at least 5,780 offences of possessing nitrous oxide in the year to March 2026.

It is a rise of 76 per cent on 2025 – the first full year of the ban on the Class C drug, often inhaled from balloons.

Possession of the gas to get high can carry up to two years in jail.

But 70 per cent of resolved cases to the end of March this year ended with an informal community resolution with no criminal record. Just 12 per cent ended with the offender being charged.

Despite the figures, the Government claimed reported use of the gas is at its "lowest level since records began".

Friend . . . duchess

Meghan tribute as feminist icon dies

By SCARLET HOWES

THE Duchess of Sussex has paid tribute to her "friend and mentor", feminist activist Gloria Steinem, who died aged 92.

Meghan said Ms Steinem had counselled her in "hard times" with "a cup of tea and unrivalled cheekiness and wit".

The US journalist – a trailblazer of the American feminist movement – died on Wednesday at home in New York.

Meghan said online: "Privately, she was even better than you would imagine – spending Thanksgiving with our family, introducing me to one of my best friends, loving our children with her whole heart."

Ms Steinem campaigned on issues including equal pay and the legalisation of abortion.

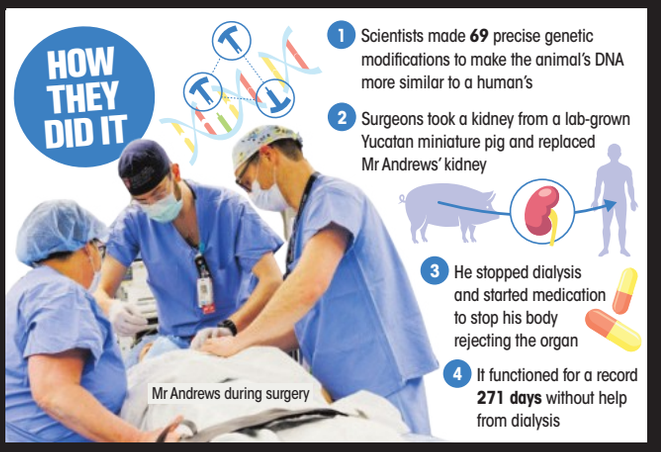
In 1963, she worked undercover as a Playboy Bunny to expose conditions at the men's clubs.

She also co-founded the women-owned and run Ms magazine in 1972.

MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGH

Pig kidney transplant has saved my bacon

Guinea pig . . . surgeon with porker's organ in plastic container and, below, Mr Andrews



Recovering . . . nurse with Mr Andrews four days after the op

A MAN survived nine months with a pig's kidney in a world-first procedure before he got a transplant from a human donor.

By SAM BLANCHARD
Health Correspondent

Shop manager Tim Andrews, 68, was able to stop dialysis treatment after the animal's organ was implanted.

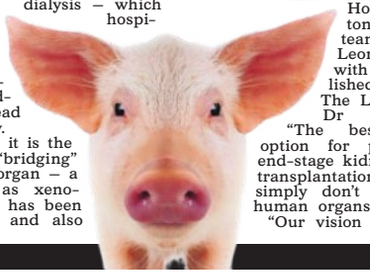
The pig had been genetically engineered to have some genes turned off to prevent a human body rejecting the kidney.

Mr Andrews also took medicine to stop his immune system attacking it.

The organ continued to work inside him for 271 days – nearly 39 weeks – while he waited for a human kidney to replace his own which had failed. He lived with the pig organ from January to October last year, when it eventually stopped working.

For three months, Mr Andrews then returned to dialysis – which requires regular hospital visits to clean the blood with a machine – before receiving a human kidney from a dead donor in January.

His doctors say it is the first time that "bridging" with an animal organ – a process known as xeno-transplantation – has been proven to work, and also the first dialysis-free survival for more than two months.



Mr Andrews, from Concord, New Hampshire, US, is doing well after the groundbreaking procedure and said: "I'm laughing again. I'm free."

The transplant was carried out at Mass General Brigham Hospital in Boston, US, by a team led by Dr Leonardo Riella, with details published in journal The Lancet.

Dr Riella said: "The best treatment option for patients with end-stage kidney disease is transplantation, but we simply don't have enough human organs.

"Our vision is that xeno-transplantation may help address this gap. Initially this would be as a bridge to get patients off dialysis while they wait for a human donor kidney, and potentially as a therapy in its own right."

He added: "The patients are the true pioneers here. Without their trust and courage, we would not be able to do what we do."

Around two million Britons have chronic kidney disease and one in 50 – two per cent – progress to kidney failure.

Kidneys are the most commonly transplanted organ and nearly 7,000 people are on NHS waiting lists for the procedure.

Some scientists believe we are only years away from farming pigs on an industrial scale to generate organs and tissue grafts for humans.

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DEAL OF DAY

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SOFTEN skin with sea salt vanilla balancing body scrub, £5.99 from tkmaxx.com.

MATE DATES CAN BE MORE THAN CAFE COFFEE

Glow-up a meet-up

SIMPLY catching up with friends is no longer good enough, according to social media.

By LANA CLEMENTS

Apparently, we should be creating new experiences with pals, rather than just meeting for a coffee.

If you want to do more with mates without blowing your budget, here are some ideas . . .

EXPLORE: Discovering new places together is a great way to bond with friends. When you never quite know what is coming, you create opportunities for delight, surprise and even shock that can create new memories for years to come.

It doesn't have to be a big trip, you could just wander in a new part of town or look for a new hike through beautiful countryside. If it's a rainy day, try heading to a free museum or gallery.

VOLUNTEER: You could do something that gives back to your local community together through volunteering. There are options to suit all interests as lots of organisations rely on people giving up their time.

If you both enjoy food and meeting new people, FoodCycle could be a good idea. The charity serves free food to the homeless or those who can't afford to feed themselves.

There are kitchens all over the UK. You can serve the food or get involved in the preparing of meals. See foodcycle.org.uk for more information.

BUCKET LISTS: Being with a pal can give you more confidence to start a hobby you've always wanted to try or to hit a goal you've been striving for.

For example, if you love the idea of appearing on the stage, you could join an amateur theatre group together.

Or start your training for a half-marathon by looking for local running groups that you could both join.

You don't have to stay local either. The National Gallery hosts free monthly online "talk and draw" events where conversation and informal drawing take place.

The next event is on October 30 and celebrates Black History Month. Book online at nationalgallery.org.uk.

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What's new?

BUY a pizza or other main course dish at Pizza Express and get another for £1. Sign up to the mailing list to download the offer at pizzaexpress.com.

Little helper

CELEBRATE National Cinema Weekend this Saturday and Sunday with £4 tickets for top movies. Chains taking part include Cineworld, Odeon, Picturehouse and Vue.

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GREAT PINS, GIGI

By HOWELL DAVIES

MODEL Gigi Hadid gives Liz Hurley a run for her tummy as she poses in the actress's famous safety-pin dress.

The 31-year-old wore the revealing Versace gown for the 1990s-themed issue of 72 — a magazine founded by former Vogue editor Edward Enninful.

The dress, with a thigh-high slit held together by gold pins, was worn by Hurley to the 1994 London premiere of Four Weddings and a Funeral, *below*, as she accompanied her then-boyfriend Hugh Grant.

Picture: COURTESY OF 72

70k pints stolen by HGV pair

By WILL BARKER

MORE than 70,000 pints of Guinness were stolen when thieves drove off with two trailers from a haulage depot.

A lorry cab was seen arriving at an industrial estate at 7.45pm on Monday and leaving with one trailer ten minutes later.

A second turned up at the packaging warehouse run by Guinness owners Diageo at 9.12pm and took away the second trailer at 9.30pm in Runcorn, Cheshire.

The 800 barrels were due to be delivered to pubs and clubs.

Both drivers were male. One was described as white with a short beard and wearing a beanie hat. The second is believed to have been wearing a cap.

The total value of the haul, including the white curtain-side lorry trailers with branding for logistics company GXO, is put at £205,000.

Police appealed for information or any for dash-cam footage from the area.

DRY CIDER SPELL

Cider maker Thatchers has started the earliest apple harvest in its 122-year history in Somerset after summer heatwaves.

EXCLUSIVE

Harry Potter AND THE UNFINISHED SCRIPTS

Filming on second series of TV reboot is delayed

By STEPHEN MOYES

SCRIPTS for the second series of the new Harry Potter TV show are unfinished and yet to be signed off, delaying major scenes being shot.

Filming for Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets has officially started — but Warner Bros sources yesterday confirmed weeks of production delays.

Work that was meant to begin last month has been pushed back until October and insiders told how bosses binned initial scripts because they want the plot and characterisations to be perfect.

Warner Bros executives hit out internally at the delay, which sparked chaos among some irate crew and cast members.

Production crew are not being paid during rewrites, and many workers are struggling to be available for the new schedule due to other work commitments.

A source told The Sun: "Filming for series two was meant to start in August. We had dates to start filming, but the scripts have not been finished. Everyone at Warner Bros is up in arms. The cost implications are huge.

"Filming for major scenes has been postponed for two months until October. It has caused a lot of stress for everyone. Many staff are stood down from next week."

Our source went on: "The scripts haven't been signed off, prompting the delay. We've been told that a number of scenes need tweaking because they are not quite right. The powers-that-be want everything perfect."

Series one, starring Dominic McLaughlin as Harry, will premiere on HBO Max on Christmas Day. Its eight weekly episodes adapt JK Rowling's first novel, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Series two is due next year. In May, The Sun told how crew and actors had allegedly stolen props from the set, stopping cameras rolling.

New Harry . . . Dominic McLaughlin

We also told how bullying had been reported during production.

The show is being filmed at Warner Bros Studios in Leavesden, Herts, in a specially-built £1billion mini-town — complete with school and medical centre.

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Robocab . . . Ford Mustang

First UK self-drive taxis now on roads

By LAUREN UTTLEY

BRITAIN'S first robotaxis hit the streets yesterday – although each had a human safety driver just in case.

Fifteen all-electric Ford Mustang Mach-Es were available for hire after minicab licences were granted last month.

US ride-hailing giant Uber and UK's Wayve are behind the initiative.

London is the first city in the world to use the British company's AI driving technology for commercial journeys.

Wayve co-founder Alex Kendal said: "Autonomous driving technology will complement London's rich transport network."

Uber said more than 140,000 Londoners had shown a preference to use self-driving vehicles.

It said: "This launch is a major milestone in scaling safe, accessible AV technology in a city with some of the world's most complex roads."

Erecting hut . . . site

Moans & groans for 'lusty' campsite

By ALEX WEST

A GLAMPING site is bidding to expand despite concerns about the noise of amorous couples.

Owners are making a third attempt for permission to increase the number of guests allowed.

Earlier bids at the farm – Swallow's Nest – have been rejected over noise from lusty campers.

A councillor said of a previous application for more huts and tents: "Tents are not soundproofed so any shenanigans inside will be heard in the vicinity."

One neighbour, Brian Saddler, 91, said: "When people are in the huts, we can hear every word – and not all of it is the stuff we want to be listening to."

The Abergavenny site, Cwtch Glamping, has two huts. Planning officials have recommended that Monmouthshire council approves the new application to add a hut and a portable washroom.

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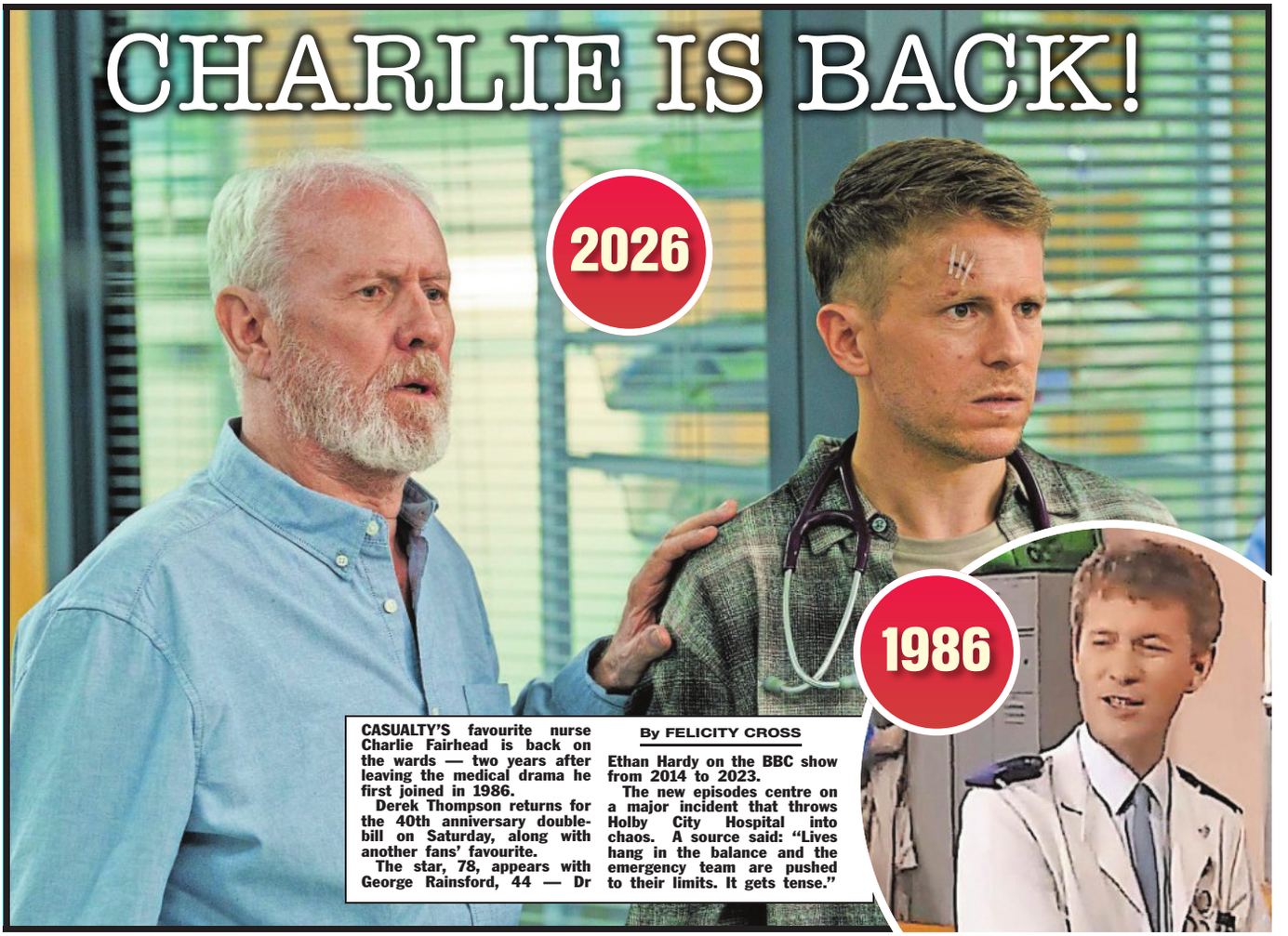

CASUALTY'S favourite nurse Charlie Fairhead is back on the wards — two years after leaving the medical drama he first joined in 1986.

Derek Thompson returns for the 40th anniversary double-bill on Saturday, along with another fans' favourite.

The star, 78, appears with George Rainsford, 44 — Dr Ethan Hardy on the BBC show from 2014 to 2023.

The new episodes centre on a major incident that throws Holby City Hospital into chaos. A source said: "Lives hang in the balance and the emergency team are pushed to their limits. It gets tense."

By FELICITY CROSS

VILLAGERS BLAST BOSSES

WE'VE BIN HAD

Council picking up refuse for land grab travellers

Trash decision . . . council workers collect waste at traveller site

EXCLUSIVE by JOHN LUCAS

VILLAGERS have blasted a council for collecting bags of household rubbish from travellers living at an illegal land grab site.

An injunction granted four months ago bans anyone from occupying the site or carrying out any further development.

But bin lorries now include the 12-pitch site in their weekly rounds in Willows Green, Essex.

Locals plan to stage a protest tonight outside Uttlesford council's offices in Saffron Walden.

One reckoned: "They are living there illegally in plain sight but the council has done nothing.

"To add insult to injury the travellers, who don't pay any council tax, are getting bins collected.

"It is a complete joke. The villagers have now had enough."

The privately-owned field, once home to great crested newts and rare albino fallow deer, was concreted over on the first May bank holiday. Uttlesford council served a stop notice on May 5 and secured a High Court injunction days later.

Last week, travellers submitted a retrospective planning application for 12 mobile homes on the site.

Uttlesford council said it had a legal duty to collect waste.

A spokesman said: "We understand the frustration felt by local residents and remain committed to using the powers available to us to address unauthorised development."

The row comes after two more traveller land grabs over the August bank holiday weekend on privately-owned land in Rochford, Essex, and Sawbridgeworth, Herts.

In both cases the local councils issued stop notices and sought injunctions to block further work.

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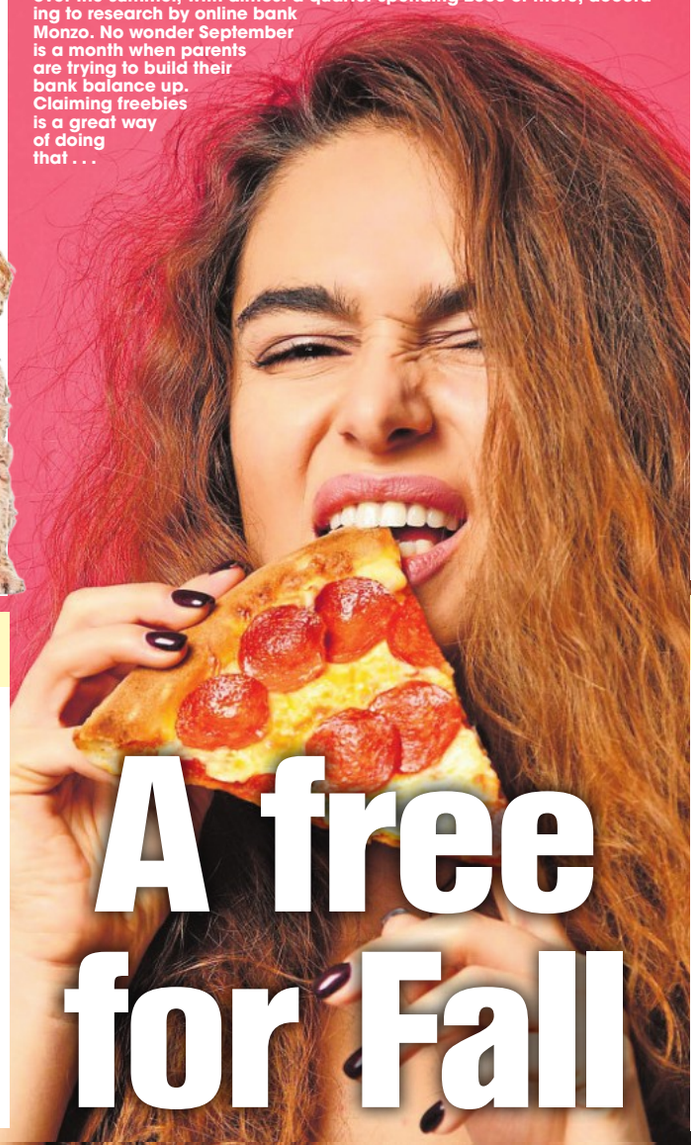
PICK UP £700 OF TREATS FOR NOTHING

By LANA CLEMENTS

HAS your wallet been battered by the summer holidays? Save some cash and get back in the black by claiming a fantastic freebie.

We've found eight of this month's best, worth hundreds of pounds. They won't be around for ever, so get claiming NOW.

Parents spend an average of £349 keeping each child entertained over the summer, with almost a quarter spending £500 or more, according to research by online bank Monzo. No wonder September is a month when parents are trying to build their bank balance up. Claiming freebies is a great way of doing that . . .



A free for Fall

Pamper your pooch with treats

GET free dog treats through the National Trust Pooch Passport scheme.

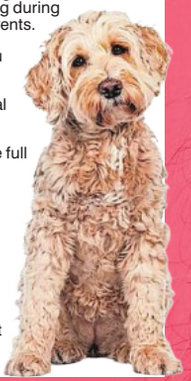
It runs from this month until the end of February next year.

You can pick up these freebies by taking your four-legged friend for a walk at a National Trust site.

Get a passport from a participating location and receive a stamp every time you visit a different place between now and February.

There are 137 sites taking part, some of which have free admission, such as Runnymede in Surrey.

You get stamps as long as you visit during the opening hours of a property, including during Open Heritage events.



Once you have collected five, you will get a free packet of Forthglade natural dog treats worth £2.50.

You can see the full list of sites taking part at nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/dog-friendly/pooch-passport.

Remember to check opening hours before visiting, so you can be sure to get your stamp.

Free gym sessions worth £75

AFTER months of summer indulgence, you might feel you are due a bit of a health reset.

And if you have health or life insurance with Vitality, you can currently claim a free seven-day trial at Nuffield gyms.

The savings depend on which gym you are visiting, but you could normally expect to pay a £29 one-time joining fee plus around £75 a month, roughly working out at £18.75 a week.

Depending on the location, you could use a swimming pool with steam and sauna rooms, classes, spin studios and the gym.

Posh day out worth £52

HERITAGE Open Days are running across England from September 11-20 – bringing a chance to explore our country's history and culture for free.

Across the country, English Heritage throws open the doors and gives access to sites you'd normally need to pay for.

For example, Pendennis Castle in Cornwall, *pictured*, is part of the event and you could normally expect to pay £38.59 for admission for a family of two adults and up to three children.

The National Trust is also taking part in the event, meaning you can access selected sites that usually charge admission.

This includes Petworth House and Park in Sussex, which typically costs £52 for a family of four to visit.

Note that sites are generally operating free entry on specific dates, rather than the full nine days of the event.

For instance, you can save around £30 on family admission to St Augustine's Abbey in Canterbury, Kent, but that's only on September 19.

More than 100 English Heritage and National Trust sites will be taking part.

Bella Italia dinner worth £17

DOWNLOAD the Bella Italia app or sign up to its newsletter and you can currently get a free main course, when another main is bought.

The chain is known for its pizza and pasta dishes.

You could normally expect to pay around £16.99 for a carbonara or pepperoni pizza.

To enjoy this offer, sign up to the newsletter at bellaitalia.co.uk or download the app from Google Play or the App Store.

Once you have got an account, you'll receive a code via mail.

In the app, you'll need to sign up with your email and will then see the free main in "my perks".

Cash boost worth £400

SAVVY switchers could earn up to £394.50 by moving to Nationwide and making the most of its FlexDirect current account.

The bumper haul is made up of four different perks:

- Around £84.50 in regular saver interest
- £175 switching bonus
- Up to £60 in debit card cashback
- Up to £75 in current account interest

Together, these could add up to a whopping £394.50.

However, you must meet all the conditions and have enough cash to maximise the interest and cashback.

You will need to switch an account held with another banking group to a new or existing eligible Nationwide account.

This must be done through the Current Account Switch Service, which means your old account will be closed and its balance, payments and direct debits moved over.

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Fiver to spend in M&S this month

IF you are heading for a late summer getaway, you can get a free £5 voucher to spend on M&S fashion, home and beauty purchases when buying travel money from the retailer.

You will need to spend at least £30 in buying or selling currency to get the voucher in a participating Bureau de Change, or £100 for an online order for collection.

The offer runs until September 13 and you have until September 27 to redeem the voucher. You can use it on purchases worth £30 or more.

If you are changing money at M&S, you should also make sure you are signed up to its loyalty scheme, Sparks, as you may also be able to opt in for preferential rates.

Check where is best to get your travel money first, as depending on rates you could save more than £5 by heading to a different outlet.

Money Saving Expert has a handy online tool, Travel Money Max, which allows you to compare the best rates at dozens of online foreign exchange bureaus.

Personal styling worth £175

THE change in seasons and unpredictable Great British weather can mean lots of outfit dilemmas.

But you can take advantage of a free two-hour wardrobe refresh with John Lewis.

There is no obligation to buy anything, you will just get lots of expert tips on how to find the styles, shapes and colours that best suit your needs.

It's especially great if you feel you're in a bit of a style rut.

If you are looking for a specific outfit, you can opt for a shorter "express service" one-hour appointment.

There are more than 150 stylists working in the branches, so you can find one that will suit your approach.

It costs £175 for a two-hour style consultation with Colour Me Beautiful, so the John Lewis service is a bit of a steal.

Just head to johnlewis.com and find your nearest store.

You will be able to pick your stylist, as well as a date and time slot for the appointment.

Pants worth up to £14

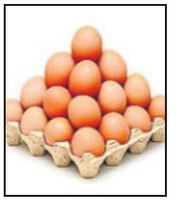
IF your undies are looking a bit worse for wear – and you want to buy a new bra – it is well worth looking at Boux Avenue.

Until next Wednesday, September 9, the retailer has a great offer, giving you a free matching pair of knickers when you buy a bra.

Some of these pants are worth £14 bought alone, so it's a great freebie if you had already been thinking about updating your undies.

Bras start from £30.

Just add the matching pants to the cart and you will be able to get them for free.



Warning . . . over eggs

Foreign egg bug victims top 500

By VANESSA CHALMERS

MORE than 500 people have been struck by salmonella in an outbreak linked to imported eggs.

The official total in England has reached 528 after 54 cases were confirmed in the past week.

Two people died earlier in the outbreak.

The UK Health Security Agency says Britain accounts for 61 per cent of cases in Europe.

It has linked examples of the food poisoning bacteria to eggs from abroad used in cafes, restaurants and takeaways.

Officials say kids under five and pregnant women should avoid runny eggs when eating out.

Experts do not believe supermarket eggs cooked at home are a danger.

Hannah Charles, of the UKHSA, said: "The overall risk to the public remains low." Symptoms often include fever, sickness and diarrhoea which clear up within days.

Battler . . . Oliver

First day in school for brave Oliver, 4

By SAM BLANCHARD

A BOY who spent his birthday and Christmas in a coma with cancer has had his first day at primary school this week.

Oliver Harrison, four, endured treatment for non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

He spent five months in hospital in Leeds as he went through aggressive chemo for the blood cancer and also suffered sepsis and pneumonia.

Oliver, of Wakefield, West Yorks, has now finished treatment and was raring to go for the first week of term.

Mum Cora, 33, said: "Last year, he spent Christmas and his birthday in a coma.

"We clung on to the hope that we would get to see him better, start school and do all the things so many people take for granted."

Cora and wife Helen are now campaigning with the charity Blood Cancer UK to raise awareness of the disease.

JIVE BUNNY R.I.P.

'Pioneer' mogul behind iconic '80s pop act dies

THE mastermind behind novelty pop act Jive Bunny has died aged 84.

John Pickles, who created the cartoon rabbit, was called an "incredibly talented songwriter" and "true music industry pioneer".

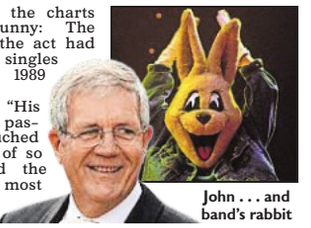
In 1989 he led a group of pals to history when they hit No1 with their first three singles as Jive Bunny and The Mastermixers. They became only the third act to do so, after Gerry and the Pacemakers in 1964 and Frankie Goes to Hollywood in 1984 – and took the shortest time to achieve the feat.

EXCLUSIVE by STEPHEN MOYES

The act, fronted in music videos by a cartoon bunny, was the brainchild of Doncaster DJ and producer Les Hemstock and Rotherham father-and-son team John and Andrew Pickles, who ran and owned an electrical shop. DJ music service Mastermix said yesterday: "John Pickles, founder and creator of The Music Factory Entertainment Group, Mastermix and Jive Bunny, was a leader, entrepreneur, businessman, and incredibly talented songwriter."

Using sampling and synthesisers to combine pop music from the early rock 'n' roll era into a medley, debut release Swing The Mood then That's What I Like and Let's Party took the charts by storm. Jive Bunny: The Album followed and the act had 11 entries in the UK singles chart between July 1989 and November 1991.

John's family said: "His creativity, vision and passion for music touched the lives and careers of so many people around the world. And for the most fortunate of us, he was Dad."



John . . . and band's rabbit

Poisoner waitress

A HOTEL waitress who was told her contract would not be renewed took her revenge by poisoning holidaymakers' food with bleach.

A British couple staying at the Costa del Sol resort of Benalmadena were among those who spotted her pouring a yellowish liquid over a tray of fruit and yoghurt in a glass display case.

A Malaga court gave the unnamed Spaniard a year's jail suspended.

PRICE IN OUR TIME

Neville Chamberlain's plane ticket from ill-fated Munich peace talks with Adolf Hitler in 1938 could sell for £15,000 in London.

JODIE'S MAID IT

By ELLIE HENMAN

ACTRESS Jodie Comer is on good formal at the premiere of her new film — wearing a dress that looks like an oversized shirt.

Jodie, 33, who also donned knee-length boots, was joined at the London screening by Hugh Jackman, 57, who plays the ageing outlaw in The Death of Robin Hood.

Picture: GETTY

On run . . . capybara

Fugitive Samba spotted

By ED SOUTHGATE

ESCAPEE capybara Samba is alive and well after five months on the run, zoo bosses say.

A member of the public sent in a recently taken snap and keepers confirm it is her.

She fled Marwell Zoo in Hampshire as she and another of the giant rodents were being moved in to an enclosure.

The March 17 breakout prompted a huge search which is still ongoing.

Marwell said it had recently received a "promising lead" after a photo was sent in.

Asked to confirm whether it was the missing creature, a zoo spokesman said: "Yes, the sighting was Samba but we haven't got any further updates."

It was not said where the snap was taken – or whether staff were closing in on Samba – but previous sightings were up to five miles away.

Lambo's crash kill

A MAN died in a 120mph fireball crash after hiring a Lamborghini.

Mohammed Shaan Hussain, 20, collected Humaira Batool, then 22, in the Urus at 4am. They later swapped seats, and Batool sped along the rainy M62 in West Yorkshire at up to 143mph.

The car hit a barrier, flipped and caught fire near Ripponden, killing Mr Hussain. Batool, of Bradford, escaped the flames in December 2022.

She denies causing death by dangerous driving at Leeds crown court. The trial continues.

RUN MACHINE

Cricketer Sam Bodoano, 22, did a 62-mile run-up from Lord's in his whites to bowl the first ball of a match in Woking, Surrey.

Killed . . . Matusiak

Schools close for funeral of crash lad

By PAUL SIMS

CLASSES are ending early today as the first funeral for one of five young men killed in a head-on crash with police on the A66 takes place.

Four schools have said they will shut at lunchtime in Middlesbrough because "large numbers of people" are expected to descend on the area.

The funeral is understood to be for Jakub Matusiak, 23, who died with four others on August 22 when a car they were in went the wrong way on a dual carriageway and hit a police car, killing two officers.

South Bank Primary School said it will close at 12pm "to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils".

Mark Robinson, head of nearby Outwood Academy Normanby, said his school will be closed from midday after discussions with local headteachers and the council.

Scam . . . Blackwell

Wed con bride left us poorer not richer

By ALEX WEST

A BOGUS bride who scammed family and pals with a fake wedding has still not paid them back.

Estate agent Charlotte Blackwell, 32, conned cash from would-be guests and well-wishers and used it to pay off her online bingo debts.

A court ordered her to pay £13,750 in compensation to four victims at £100 each per month.

But they say that since the order was made in March last year she has repaid a total of £163.

One victim said: "I can't believe a close family friend would do this."

The Ministry of Justice would not give specific details on the case but said cash could be taken from an offender's benefits or salary, or possessions could be seized. Jail was also an option.

Blackwell, of Bridgend, South Wales, had previously scammed a children's cancer charity.

SCARLET'S AMERICA

WE PRESENT EVIDEN

IT sounds like it should be a simple guilty verdict.

From SCARLET HOWES, US Editor in Plymouth, Massachusetts

A mother waited for her husband to leave and run errands, then violently strangled her three children with exercise bands.

Instead, five weeks into the extraordinary trial of former nurse Lindsay Clancy, the jury – made up of nine women and three men – are still in deadlock after six days of deliberation.

Last night, as the world expected news of a mistrial or verdict, the jury was sent out for what would be a seventh day. Outside the courtroom and across the internet, Lindsay's supporters are pleading for them to find the former midwife innocent of three counts of first-degree murder. Here in Massachusetts where the trial is taking place, the streets are lined with her supporters.

Many are mothers themselves – dressed in pink tops with slogans such as "She Needed Help" and "Peace For Lindsay" to show her they are on her side. Pa
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ANGER . . . protester outside courthouse in Massachusetts where trial is taking place

THE PROSECUTION

PROSECUTORS say Lindsay was a "functioning mum" who meticulously planned the murder of her three young children inside their suburban home.

They do not dispute that she had mental health problems and tried to end her life, but they question her mental state at the time of the killings.

In court, they argued that she plotted the murders ahead of time and acted with intention, which indicates she was not psychotic.

Prosecutors say Lindsay contrived to get her then-husband Patrick out of the house by sending him to get a takeaway and to the pharmacy before choking her kids with exercise bands.

It was discussed how she was looking up how long it would take her ex-husband to get to the restaurant and back, which they maintain was to ensure she had enough time to execute the killings.

Patrick then called her to find out what medication he should be getting and she did not answer.

She then phoned him back and the call lasted 14 seconds.

The defence says the voices in Lindsay's head and the killings did not start until after Patrick called her.

But, as the prosecution says, that is not enough time to murder her three children and try to kill herself.

They asserted that Lindsay must have begun carrying out the killings immediately after her husband left home, disputing her claim that she killed her children in just under 20 minutes.

They also put forward an argument that her Apple watch recorded her climbing flights of stairs three times, including after the call.

Her critics say this proves she rang Patrick back after she killed her children as she was not recorded coming back downstairs.

The state also cast doubt on the defence's accounts of hallucinations, pointing out that medical records indicate Lindsay did not report hearing voices until after her children's deaths.

One of her psychiatrists testified that she did not show signs of psychosis during their sessions.

They say Lindsay was not overmedicated because few or no pills were missing from the bottles of the 13 prescription medications she was given.

And they called a doctor to the stand who disputed her account of the voices.

The doctor testified that it was unusual for the voices to stop abruptly right after the strangulation.

They noted that Lindsay never reported hearing voices to medical providers prior to the incident, and found her overall timeline unconvincing.

The prosecution argued that Lindsay's suicide attempt was "superficial" even though she said the voice was compelling her to do it.

'Lindsay contrived to get husband Patrick out of the house by sending him to get a takeaway before choking her kids with exercise bands'

The drugs were not taken in high enough quantities to die, the cuts were not deep enough and the window was not high enough.

If she were truly compelled by a voice, they said, Lindsay would have succeeded.

A state police investigator described searches made on her phone days before the killings in which she sought information about schizophrenia, hallucinations and psychosis.

She also searched, "Can you treat a sociopath?"

The prosecution's final witness was FBI psychiatrist Dr Gregory Saathoff who said that Lindsay could still appreciate right from wrong and control her behaviour when she killed her children.

He pointed to her "preparatory planning" which included conducting searches on her phone and mapping the distance from their home to a restaurant.

In their closing argument, the prosecution argued that Lindsay killed her kids as she was upset and she wanted to end her misery, but they were keeping her alive.

She therefore had to "remove the protective factor" and that it was a "choice she made".

The prosecution is pushing for a first-degree murder conviction.

PAIN . . . Patrick Clancy in court looking at images of himself with his children on holiday a month before they were killed

CAREFREE COUPLE . . . Lindsay and Patrick before traumatic events of January 2023

TESTIMONY . . . Lindsay Clancy's parents, Michael and Paula Musgrove, leaving courtroom this week

So...DID Lindsay

ICE IN TRIAL THAT'S SPLIT U.S. AND ASK...

rents have taken their kids out of to stand outside the courthouse in ity" with Lindsay. One mum with another mother on the opp- ide. Some people have ditched o livestream from outside the use. One told us: "I started with ollowers, now I have 20,000."

a case that has gripped America 023 when Lindsay, 36, admitted Cora, five, Dawson, three, and Callan in the basement of their home on January 24 that year.

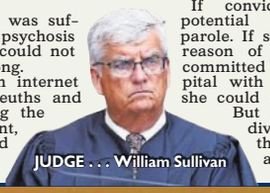
roubled mother then slashed her nd neck and threw herself out of a second-storey window, leaving her paralysed from the waist down. The prosecution argues Lindsay made a calculated, intentional decision to kill her three small children.

But her lawyer says she was suffering from postpartum psychosis at the time, and therefore could not distinguish right from wrong.

The case has become an internet sensation with amateur sleuths and armchair detectives turning the trial into whodunit content, dissecting every detail and advancing theories across TikTok. Clancy's lawyer, Kevin Reddington, has become an unlikely hero to her supporters who say he is fighting for every mother that has been in crisis.

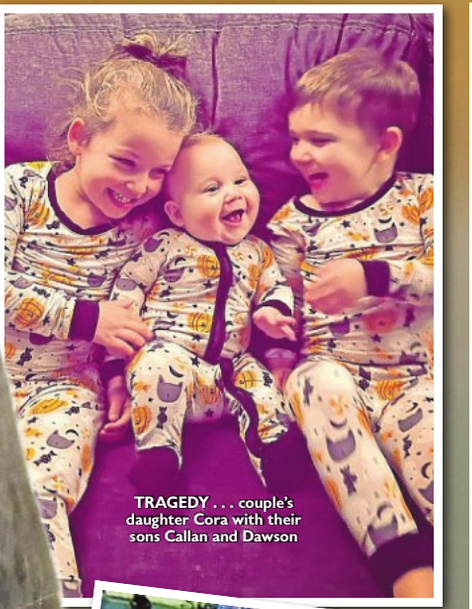
If convicted, Lindsay faces a potential life sentence without parole. If she is found not guilty by reason of insanity, she would be committed to a mental health hospital with reviews to determine if she could safely be released.

But as the case continues to divide not just America but the world, we lay out the arguments from both sides.



JUDGE . . . William Sullivan

OUT IN FORCE . . . Lindsay's supporters gathering in front of court wearing pink T-shirts last month



TRAGEDY . . . couple's daughter Cora with their sons Callan and Dawson

HAPPY FAMILY . . . Patrick and his then-wife out with their three kids

THE DEFENCE

THE defendant's legal team have never rejected her role in the choking of her three children.

Instead, they have put forth a defence of insanity, arguing that Lindsay had hallucinations and delusions after giving birth to her youngest child.

They say she killed her children after a voice told her to do it – then tried to kill herself.

Their defence hinges on her suffering from postpartum psychosis, a rare condition in which postpartum women can experience mania, depression or a mixture of both.

Lindsay's ex-husband Patrick told the court that she had experienced anxiety after the births of their first two children.

He said her symptoms returned after their third child was born in 2022 and they intensified as she prepared to return to work.

She was then prescribed more than a dozen different medications by doctors which her lawyers argue drastically affected her mind.

Patrick said that clinicians had failed to monitor her reactions to the meds "or attend to her worsening psychiatric conditions".

He testified that twice in December 2022 – a month before the killings – Lindsay had told him she had harboured thoughts of harming their children.

She admitted herself to an outpatient programme for postpartum depression before admitting herself to a psychiatric hospital in January 2023 where she stayed for five days.

Medical professionals testified that Lindsay had months of severe postpartum depression symptoms and said she made two calls to a suicide hotline before the killings.

A hospital chaplain said that Clancy mentioned multiple times after the killings that a persistent male voice was goading her to kill her children and herself.

Patrick claimed later that month she heard "a compelling and unrecognisable singular male voice" telling her that she "should die".

He described seeing his son Dawson sitting on the couch eating chicken nuggets before he left the home to get medication and a takeaway. He came back 54 minutes later to find his children dead.

Despite never being a suspect, baseless conspiracy theories have swirled online about his involvement.

Patrick has come under fire by armchair detectives for remarrying in April 2026 – just three years after the incident – and allegedly taking a holiday to Costa Rica 18 days after his children's funeral.

Lindsay's supporters have also criticised how supportive he was as a husband. They argue CCTV footage shows Patrick not helping her with the kids, despite her fragile state.

They also picked holes in the timeline. During the trial, it was testified that Lindsay was hypothermic after falling out of the window with a core body temperature of 27C when paramedics arrived.

Web detectives say that her temperature could not have been that low if she had only just thrown herself from the window, suggesting she must have been outside longer.

'Medical professionals testified that Lindsay had months of severe postpartum depression symptoms and made two calls to a suicide hotline before the killings'

Patrick claims Lindsay told him that the children were in the basement when he arrived back home.

But TikTok sleuths pointed out emergency responders testified she could only mumble and moan after her suicide attempt.

Patrick also said that when he got home he tried to call 911 but he had wifi issues which sleuths say "doesn't add up" as emergency calls do not need an internet connection.

The prosecution put forward an argument that Clancy crushed pills in her drink before trying to kill herself, which showed she was lucid.

But her defence said the medication was never tested and there was no pill crusher or residue found.

Patrick's mother also testified that Lindsay was "begging for help" in the months before the killings and disclosed her struggle with anxiety, depression and insomnia that year.

She also described her as a warm and devoted mum.

A former colleague testified that Lindsay was a compassionate midwife who was deeply emotional about patients' deliveries.

Lindsay broke down several times in court when jurors were shown autopsy photos of her children.

y murder her kids?

Friday

Sun TV 4-PAGE SECTION

TV GUIDE

BBC ONE

6am Breakfast (S)
9.30 Morning Live Rav Wilding and Michelle Ackerley present the weekday magazine show. (S)
10.45 Rip Off Britain: Holidays The passengers whose flight hit a storm so severe they feared for their lives. (S)
11.30 Homes Under The Hammer With Martin Roberts. (R,S)
12.15 Bargain Hunt Caroline Hawley presents from Long Marston. (S)
1.00 BBC News (S)
2.00 Sister Boniface Mysteries Sister Boniface finds herself on the hunt for a killer doll. (S)
2.45 Escape To The Country Denise Nurse helps a house-hunter escape to rural Nottinghamshire. (R,S)
3.45 Garden Rescue Revisited Charlie Dimmock returns to Fareham, Leicester and Shefford. (R,S)
4.30 The Answer Run Quiz hosted by Jason Manford. (R,S)
5.15 Pointless Quiz in which contestants try to score the fewest points possible. (S)
6.00 BBC News (S)
6.30 Regional News (S)

9pm Host Rob Brydon oversees proceedings in Would I Lie to You?

7.00 The One Show Alex Jones and Clara Amfo present the usual mix of celebrity guests and stories. (S)
7.30 The Travelling Auctioneers (5/20) Izzie Balmer discovers a cache of jewellery and musical instruments, as she and JJ Chalmers help a pharmacist-turned-funnywoman realise her downsizing dream. (R,S)
8.00 Celebrity MasterChef (9/15) In the last quarter-final of the series, the remaining four celebrities from this week's heats pair up to serve a three-course meal in just 90 minutes to restaurant critic Grace Dent and Michelin-star chef Giorgio Locatelli. (S)
9.00 Would I Lie To You? (7/9) Captains David Mitchell and Lee Mack are joined by John Cooper Clarke, Lucia Keskin, Kadiff Kirwan and Sara Pascoe to deceive their opponents with plausible lies. (R,S)
9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys (2/7) Cathy goes to extreme lengths to impress her psychologist boyfriend. (R,S)
10.00 BBC News (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.40 RuPaul's Drag Race UK (1/10) A new cast of queens take part as RuPaul kicks off the race. Thandiwe Newton joins Michelle Visage and Alan Carr on the judging panel. (R,S)
12.00 Alan Carr's Celebrity Picture Slam (R,S) Followed by **Weather For The Week Ahead** **12.55-6am** BBC News (S)

BBC TWO

6.30 am Garden Rescue (R,S)
7.15 Money For Nothing (R,S)
8.00 Sign Zone: A House Through Time (R,S,SL)
9.00 BBC News (S)
12.15 Politics Live (S)
1.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games Quiz show. (R,S)
1.30 The Edge (R,S)
2.15 Weatherman Walking (R,S)
2.45 Animal Park (R,S)
3.30 Dogs In The Wild: Meet The Family Rescuers in South Africa try to combat broken heart syndrome. (R,S)
4.30 Vintage Antiques Roadshow From Mount Stewart in County Down. First shown in 2003. (R,S)
5.05 Flog It! Valuing antiques at Wallasey Town Hall on the Wirral Peninsula. (R,S)
6.00 Richard Osman's House Of Games With Ken Bruce, Alice Roberts, Perri Shakes-Drayton and Kiell Smith-Bynoe. (R,S)
6.30 Great British Railway Journeys Near Chichester, Michael Portillo visits the Weald and Downland Living Museum, and later heads south on the to Amberley. (R,S)

9pm Samantha Bond (centre) stars as Judith in The Marlow Murder Club

7.00 Iolo's Anglesey (3/4) Wales' largest island is renowned for its coastal beauty, but as Iolo Williams reveals it also boasts fantastic marshland and heathland with spectacular wildlife. (R,S)
7.30 Beechgrove Garden (23/26) With the days getting shorter and the nights cooler, George Anderson and Calum Clunie are at the stage of reviewing some of the projects they started in the spring. (S)
8.00 Gardeners' World (24/32) Monty Don celebrates a rewarding summer fruit harvest, Carol Klein delves into the secret world of leaves, and Rachel de Thame visits a Hertfordshire plant library. (S)
9.00 The Marlow Murder Club (2/2) Judith, Becks and Suzie are brought in to help the police investigation, and uncover a connection between the murders. (S)
10.25 Air Fryer: The Secret Genius Of Modern Life Hannah Fry examines the technology and history behind the air fryer. (S)
10.30 Newsnight The latest analysis of the day's events with Matt Chorley. (S) Followed by **Weather**
11.05 PREMIERE **Harvest** FILM Drama starring Caleb Landry Jones, Harry Melling and Rosy McEwen. (2024) ✪✪ (S)
1.10 Sign Zone: The Big Deal With Steph McGovern (R,S,SL) **2.10-3.10am** Vigil (R,S,SL)

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6am Good Morning Britain (S)
10.00 This Morning A mix of celebrity interviews, entertainment news, current affairs discussions, a look at sports competitions, health columns, cooking tips and tricks, and more. (S)
1.30 ITV News (S)
1.55 Regional News (S)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David Dickinson and the team visit Peterborough, where Fay Rutter embraces the beautiful game of football and Tim Hogarth's nerves are put to the test in a deal. (R,S)
3.00 Deal Or No Deal Stephen Mulhern hosts as contestant Jackie tries to open the 22 red boxes in the right order. (R,S) Followed by **Local Weather**
4.00 Tipping Point Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (R,S)
5.00 The Chase Quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R,S)
6.00 Regional News (S)
6.30 ITV News (S)

9pm Milo Callaghan stars as Rudy Baylor in the legal drama The Rainmaker

7.30 Millionaire Hot Seat Jeremy Clarkson hosts the quiz where each episode sees six hopefuls compete for £1million. However, only one player can take their place in the Hot Seat at a time. (S)
8.00 Emmerdale Sarah is left wracked with guilt, while Serena is alarmed and Vinny is scared to think Kev might have overheard him. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Shona leaves Harper unattended in the car, Jodie invites Kit to Number 8 for a rematch, Lauren drags a reluctant Betsy to the bistro, and the Websters plan Debbie's birthday party. (S)
9.00 The Rainmaker (2/10) Rudy and Deck have a tense encounter with a witness and make a crucial discovery about their client. Legal drama starring Milo Callaghan, Lana Parrilla and Madison Iseman. (S)
10.00 ITV News At Ten (S)
10.30 Regional News (S)
10.45 It'll Be Alright On The Night Tom Allen presents a compilation of clangers, featuring Ryan Gosling, Alan Titchmarsh, Amanda Holden and more. Unscripted moments include an alpaca using the This Morning studio floor as a toilet. (R,S)
11.40 Sorry, I Didn't Know (1/5) Panel show, hosted by Chizzy Akudolu. (R,S)
12.10 Shop On TV 3.00 The Staircase (R,S,SL) **4.10** Long Lost Family (R,S,SL) **5.00-6am** Unwind With ITV (S)

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6.30 am The King Of Queens (R,S)
7.45 Everybody Loves Raymond American comedy. (R,S)
9.10 Frasier (R,S)
11.10 Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell And Back (R,S)
12.05 C4 News (S)
12.10 Find It, Fix It, Flog It Simon O'Brien and Henry Cole are in Shropshire. (R,S)
1.10 The Great House Giveaway Two strangers pair up to renovate a property in Llandudno, north Wales. (R,S)
2.10 Countdown (S)
3.00 A Place In The Sun (R,S)
4.00 The Great B&B Challenge The contest reaches its finale. (R,S)
5.00 Château DIY At the Chateau de la Fare, Janet and Philip battle the elements to put on a dinner party against all the odds and prepare their bedrooms in time for guests. (R,S)
6.00 A New Life In The Sun: Where Are They Now? In France, Simon and Cheryl give a progress update on their gîte and Aggie and Camille's restaurant struggles to cope with one less staff member. (S)

10pm Comedian Joe Lycett presents celebrity chat Live from the Lycett Arms

7.00 C4 News (S)
8.00 Jimmy Doherty's Big Bear Rescue (2/3) When a pack of 12 arctic wolves need a new home, Jimmy and his team set out to build a bespoke enclosure complete with pools and woodlands for them to explore. (R,S)
9.00 Gogglebox (1/16) The NEW armchair critics share their opinions on what they have been watching during the week with cameras capturing their instant reactions. (S)
10.00 Live From The Lycett Arms NEW Joe Lycett presents comedy, celebrity chat and chaos from his own pub, open for only one hour a week on a Friday night with a guest manager on hand to keep things ticking over as well as guests from the world of comedy, star-studded punters and other regulars. (S)
11.05 Joe Lycett: More, More, More! How Do You Lycett? How Do You Lycett? The performer's first stand-up touring show in several years is packed with more jokes, more comedy anecdotes and more inappropriate and arguably disturbing paintings. (R,S)
12.10 Taskmaster (R,S,SL) **1.05** FILM Attack The Block. Thriller starring Jodie Whittaker. (2011) ✪✪✪✪ (S) **2.35** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (R,S,SL) **3.25** Travel Man: 48 Hours In Salzburg (R,S,SL) **3.50** Four In A Bed (R,S) **5.55-6.05am** Find It, Fix It, Flog It (R,S)

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6am Milkshake!
9.05 Entertainment News On 5 Showbiz news and gossip. (S)
9.15 Jeremy Vine (S)
11.30 Storm & Alexis Debate. (S)
12.45 Snooker: British Open 2026 LIVE Coverage of the afternoon session on day five, held at The Centaur in Cheltenham, featuring the opening two quarter-finals. (S)
4.00 Car Pound Cops In Northampton, Ricardo is distraught at the prospect of losing his Romanian registered car. As it's no longer legal to drive on UK roads he must take it back to Romania to sell. (R,S)
4.30 Wetherspoons Vs Toby Carvery: Which Is Better? Over four rounds - breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks – chef and taste-tester Philippa Davis reviews some of Wetherspoons' and Toby's most popular meals. (R,S)
5.30 5 News With Dan Walker (S)
6.25 Love Nature Expert Christopher Wren explains how otters were nearly wiped out in the 1970s. (R,S)

6.30pm Shaun Murphy aims to still be in contention in the British Open 2026

6.30 Snooker: British Open 2026 LIVE Coverage of the evening session on day five, held at The Centaur in Cheltenham, featuring the concluding two quarter-finals. Surprise package Louis Heathcote won the first two frames against John Higgins at this stage last year, but the three-time champion of this tournament fought back to win 5-2. (S)
10.00 Police: Night Shift 999 (3/8) Officers race to catch burglars red-handed after two men are seen trying to break into a number of houses in Cheltenham, but the suspects have disappeared by the time they get there. An extensive search reveals a suspected stolen moped, and police dog Elmo picks up a strong scent and starts tracking. (R,S)
11.05 Piers Morgan: Uncensored Opinion-led news and debate show hosted by Piers Morgan. Piers blends journalism, debates and cultural commentary. (S)
12.55 Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back! (R,S) **1.20** Entertainment News On 5 (S) **1.30** Teleshopping (R,S) **2.30** GPs: Behind Closed Doors (R,S) **3.20** The Highland Vet (R,S,SL) **4.15** Yorkshire With Jane McDonald (R,S,SL) **5.00** Entertainment News On 5 (S) **5.15** Ben And Holly's Little Kingdom (R,S,SL) **5.35** Paw Patrol (R,S,SL) **5.50-6am** Mixmups (R,S,SL)

REGIONAL VARIATIONS S4C: **6am** Cyw **12.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **12.05** Pysgod I Bawb **12.30** Heno **1.00** Y Sîn **1.30** Dan Do **2.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **3.05** Ty Ffit **4.00** Awr Fawr: Blociau Rhif **4.05** Guto Gwningen **4.20** Misho **4.30** Crawc A'i Ffrindiau **4.45** Deian A Loli **5.00** Stwnsh: Prys A'r Pryfed **5.10** Seligo **5.15** NEW Tekkers **5.45** Newyddion Ni **6.00** Bwrdd I Dri **6.30** Garddio A Mwy **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **8.00** Cyfres Triathlon Cymru 2026 **8.55** Newyddion S4C A'r Tywydd **9.00** Am Dro! **10.00** Y Deis **10.30-11.35pm** Miwsig Fy Mywyd BBC ONE WALES: **7.30-8pm** Best Of Weatherman Walking

FILMS ✪✪✪✪✪ Brilliant ✪✪✪✪ Very Good ✪✪✪ Good ✪✪ Not Bad ✪ Poor (R) Repeat (S) Subtitles (SL) Sign Language

TRAGIC . . . Bobby on stage

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DJ BOBBY MURDER REVISITED

THE BBC has acquired a new drama revisiting one of the most talked about crime stories of modern Irish history – the murder of DJ Bobby Ryan.

The series, likely to air next year, is entitled The Murder of Mr Moonlight, in a nod to the stage name of Bobby.

It explores how he vanished in 2011 before his body was found two years later in a disused, underground slurry tank in County Tipperary.

The murder trial that followed was then one of Ireland's longest ever.

After an extensive police investigation, Bobby's love rival Patrick Quirke was eventually convicted of his murder in 2019 and sentenced to life in prison.

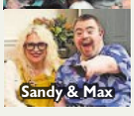
Brendan will appear in the show opposite OWEN McDONNELL, who plays Quirke, and SINEAD KEENAN as Bobby's girlfriend, Mary Lowry.

ITVX enjoyed its best August to date, with streams up nine per cent year on year. Dramas on the streaming service continued to smash it in the ratings, returning the biggest viewer numbers. This was led by the return of bomb-squad thriller Trigger Point.

GOGGLE'S NEW TV CRITICS

GOGGLEBOX returns to Channel 4 tonight with two new pairs of TV critics – Newcastle brothers Steve and Mark, and mother and son Sandy and Max from North London.

Mark said: "Friday nights with Gogglebox and wine has been a tradition in our house. It's one of my favourite shows ever. So, it's surreal that we're going to be a part of it.



"It'll be such a laugh doing this with my brother. He's super-funny and it's a great excuse to hang out."

Max added: "I admit, I usually have the final say *[on what we watch]*. I try to be flexible but it's hard. I don't like it when people are mean to each other *[on TV]*. And not too much sex – that's embarrassing."

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GEARING UP FOR THE NTAs

GRIN IT TO WIN IT . . . NTAs host Joel ahead of next week's bash and, *right*, on BBC's Comic Relief with Romesh and Love Island host Maya Jama

GONG HO . . . Romesh wins again

I'm just a Romesh without all the awards

JOEL RIBS COMEDY RIVAL

JOEL DOMMETT is giving fellow comic ROMESH RANGANATHAN a run for his money as busiest man in showbiz.

As well as fronting The Masked Singer and playing pranks on Celebrity Sabotage, Joel is now a regular on panel shows and Radio 2.

He will also host the National Television Awards on Tuesday, for a sixth consecutive year – but doubts he'll ever win one of the gongs.

"I'm Romesh, but without all the awards," he joked. "Romesh wins Baftas and I just get Celebrity Gladiator trophies. My trophy cabinet is empty, apart from a massive Gladiator one, which is great. It feels very me – I'm a good loser."

But he is happy to be in demand. "I love being busy," said the dad of two. "I love working and I love my family life, so feel very lucky."

He did give up one of his shows this summer – I'm A Celebrity . . . Unpacked. He said: "You've got to fly to Australia, it's a big thing." But he added: "I loved that show."

Meanwhile, he waits to hear if ITV's Celebrity Sabotage will get a new series. Hosted by **EMMA WILLIS** and husband **MATT**, it saw Joel, **GK BARRY**, **JUDI LOVE** and **SAM THOMPSON** carry out comedy stunts, but got mixed reviews. ITV have yet to say whether or not it will be returning. Joel said: "I'd love for it to come back."

'I'd be awful on Traitors'

One show Joel will never do, though, is The Celebrity Traitors. He said: "I would be a terrible Traitor, I also don't think I would be a good Faithful. I'm not good at reading people. I'd be going round, going, 'Oh no, I've got to decide!' I would crack under pressure."

But his comedian pals Romesh, **ROB BECKETT** and **JAMES ACASTER** are all in the upcoming BBC series and have given him the lowdown from Ardross Castle in Scotland. Joel teased: "It's going to be so good. I've heard stories."

Very soon, however, we will see Joel team up with The Celebrity Traitors winner **ALAN CARR**, who is joining The Masked Singer as a judge.

Joel said: "We start filming next month – it's going to be fun. Alan is amazing. He and *[returning judge]* **JONATHAN ROSS** will be really good together. This year is going to be the best."

Joel will also catch up with his celeb pals at the National Television Awards on Tuesday, at London's O2 Arena – and he hopes to meet idol **SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH**, who is up for Best Presenter for the very first time. Joel said: "If I was on that list, I'd be petrified. If you ask, 'Who is the best presenter?', you can't not say David. I've met **MARY BERRY** but not David, and I want to complete the pack of national treasures. What an amazing guy. What a legacy."

●Watch the NTAs live on Tuesday on ITV1 and ITVX from 8pm.

DOUBLE GRAND RETURN

FANS of KEVIN McCLOUD can rejoice – because they're getting a double helping of the Channel 4 favourite this autumn.

He is returning to front new seasons of Grand Designs *and* Grand Designs: House of the Year.

Both shows are returning following the successes of their previous runs, each averaging more than a million viewers.

JOY . . . Kevin

Kevin said: "It is always a joy to get a series of Grand Designs complete and ready for broadcast – especially when it can run alongside its sister series, House of the Year.

"Together, they celebrate the very best in British architecture and remind me of the extraordinary, imaginative and resilient potential of human beings.

"This year is no exception, there are some astonishing stories and homes."

Grand Designs returns on Wednesday, September 16, at 9pm. House of the Year will follow later in 2026.

PARAMOUNT+ has renewed its crime drama MobLand for a third run, ahead of series two's launch on September 18. The new season will see **TOM HARDY** return as fixer Harry da Souza, and **PIERCE BROSNAN** and **HELEN MIRREN** as crime family bosses Conrad and Maeve Harrigan.

LOUISE: GET THE HANKIES

EMMERDALE star LOUISE JAMESON is set for an epic tearjerker of a storyline.

Louise, who recently extended her stay on the ITV soap as Mary Goskirk, says: "I have signed for a year but now it's maybe even another year.

"I do know that Mary is going to have an absolutely cracking story, and it is going to last a year.

EPIC . . . Louise

"It is going to be one where you have to bring your hankies."

She said of her major storyline: "It is such a blessing for an actor because you normally just work six months maximum in advance. I have now had five years on Emmerdale and this means six . . . seven.

"The joy of this job is that you have no idea what happens next."

Friday

Sun TV 4-PAGE SECTION

FREEVIEW

BBC THREE freeview 23

7pm Live Athletics: Diamond League Brussels. Coverage of day one of the AG Memorial Van Damme. **9.00** The Catch Up **9.05** Ann Droid **10.05** Not Going Out **11.00** Man Like Mobeen **12.35-2.05am** Ideal

BBC FOUR freeview 9

7pm Marin Alsop's Pick Of The Proms **8.00** TOTP: 2000 **9.00** TOTP: 1986 **9.30** TOTP: 1989 **10.00** Bee Gees At The BBC And Beyond **11.00** Barry Gibb: Glastonbury 2017 **12.10** TOTP2: Bee Gees Special **12.55** TOTP: 1986 **1.30-2am** TOTP: 1989

ITV2 freeview 6

6am Backyard Builds **6.30** Dinner Date **7.30** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **8.20** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **9.15** The Only Way Is Essex **10.15** Dawson's Creek **11.10** Charmed **12.10** Deal Or No Deal **1.10** Supermarket Sweep **2.10** Celebrity Wheel Of Fortune **3.10** The Only Way Is Essex **4.10** The Real Housewives Of Potomac **5.00** The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills **6.00** Celebrity Catchphrase **7.00** Wheel Of Fortune **8.00** The 1% Club **9.00 FILM** The Dark Knight. Comic-book thriller sequel starring Christian Bale. (2008) **12.10** Family Guy **1.05-2am** American Dad!

ITV3 freeview 10

6am George And Mildred **7.05** Classic Emmerdale **8.40** Classic Coronation Street **9.10** Poirot **11.30** Heartbeat **1.35** Midsomer Murders **3.40** Classic Emmerdale **4.40** Classic Coronation Street **5.50** Heartbeat **8.00** Doc Martin **10.00** Marple **11.50** Poirot **1.55-2.25am** George And Mildred

ITV4 freeview 26

6am Magnum, PI **8.05** Minder **9.10** The Professionals **10.15** Nine Dart Finishes **10.20** Live Cycling: Tour Of Britain Live. Coverage of stage three, a 191.4km route from Hull to Beverley, that will see the riders journey up the East Coast and tackle a series of climbs in the Yorkshire Wolds. **4.15** River Monsters **4.45** Minder **5.50** Hornblower **8.00** Cycling: Tour Of Britain Highlights **9pm-3am** All Elite Wrestling: All In 2026. A chance to see this year's event, which came from Wembley Stadium and included Kenny Omega v Will Ospreay for the World Championship.

E4 freeview 13

6am Modern Family **6.55** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **7.00** Couples Come Dine With Me **8.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **10.00** America's Funniest Home Videos **12.00** The Simpsons **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **7.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **8.00** Ladies Of London: The New Reign **9.00 FILM** Black Panther. Comic-book adventure starring Chadwick Boseman. (2018) **11.45pm-2am FILM** Scream. Horror sequel starring Neve Campbell. (2022)

MORE4 freeview 18

8.55am Find It, Fix It, Flog It **10.00** Four In A Bed **12.40** Come Dine With Me **3.20** Four In A Bed **5.55** Car S.O.S **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Carpe Diem. A man is found dead in his car. **10.05** 24 Hours In A&E **12.15** 999: On The Front Line **1.20-2.20am** 24 Hours In A&E

SKY MIX freeview 11

7am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Border Patrol **9.00** Nothing To Declare **11.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **12.00** Caught On Dashcam **1.00** Police 24/7 **2.00** Nothing To Declare **4.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Live WSL. London City Lionesses v Manchester United. Kick-off at 7.00. **9.30 FILM** First Blood. Action thriller starring Sylvester Stallone. (1982) **11.30** Grimm **12.30** Wynonna Earp **1.30-2.30am** Police 24/7

ALL REVVED UP . . . *from left*, new hosts James, Francis and Thomas

THE GRAND TOUR
Prime Video

AS Chris Evans and Matt Le Blanc will both testify, taking over from Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May is no easy feat.

But in defence of those hosts, whose ill-fated spell fronting Top Gear back in 2016 lasted just one series, they did so under enormous media attention.

A decade on, tucked away on Prime Video, lesser-known Francis Bourgeois, Thomas Holland and James Engelsman have an easier task of taking over from the old guard on The Grand Tour – as they're backed by a fanbase less likely to kick off if, this line-up's not to their taste. And the petrolheads watching their debut series, out today, will no doubt accept them, due to their unrivalled car knowledge and enthusiasm.

These guys aren't blagging it, they really know their stuff. Even ex-host May said they have "out-nerded" him when it comes to cars.

Yet, unlike May and his two pals, it's unlikely they'll attract non-car enthusiasts.

The former hosts' own individual fanbases, as well as those nurtured from their 12-year spell hosting Top Gear, were lured over to watch The Grand Tour.

Show bosses have been clever by giving Clarkson, Hammond and May cameos on the new series. The opener kicks off in Jezza's Farmer's Dog boozer – perhaps in a bid to keep their fans on side.

Holland and Engelsman already have a sizeable following courtesy of their YouTube series Throttle House and both are incredibly slick.

Sun TV review

BBC Four 7pm The conductor features in Marin Alsop's Pick of the Proms

U&DAVE freeview 19

7.25am Top Gear **8.20** Border Force: America's Gatekeepers **10.20** Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escapes **11.20** Yukon Gold **12.20** Top Gear **2.20** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **3.00** Speed With Guy Martin **4.00** Hairy Bikers' Best Of British **5.00** Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escapes **7.00** Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing **7.40** Would I Lie To You? **9.00** QI XL **10.00** Magnum P.I **11.55** Mock The Week **12.35** Would I Lie To You? **1.55-2.55am** QI XL

U&DRAMA freeview 20

7.35am The Bill **8.30** Doctors **9.40** Classic Holby City **11.00** Casualty **12.00** The Bill **1.00** Classic EastEnders **2.15** Classic Neighbours **2.45** Neighbours **3.20** Sister Boniface Mysteries **4.20** Kingdom **5.20** As Time Goes By **6.00** Last Of The Summer Wine **8.00** You're Killing Me **9.00** Father Brown **10.00** New Tricks **11.00** Copper **12.00** Lovejoy **1.00-2am** Sister Boniface Mysteries

REALLY freeview 44

6am Fantasy Homes By The Sea **7.00** Teleshopping **8.00** Escape To The Country **9.00** Salvage Hunters **12.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace **6.00** The Repair Shop **7.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Bad Foot Clinic. A mum and son suffer with the same rare condition, causing them pain. **10.00** Take My Tumour **11pm-2am** Celebrity Help! My House Is Haunted

U&YESTERDAY freeview 27

6.10am The Architecture The Railways Built **8.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **10.00** Rise Of The Nazis: Dictators At War **11.00** The World At War **12.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** Rise Of The Nazis: Dictators At War **5.00** The World At War **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Seven Worlds, One Planet **8.00** Canal Boat Diaries **10.00** Bangers & Cash **12.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **1.00-2am** Find It, Fix It, Flog It

U&W freeview 25

6.15am Property Brothers: Forever Homes **7.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **12.00** DIY SOS: Grenfell **1.00** Tipping Point **4.00** Property Brothers: Forever Homes **5.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **7.00** MasterChef Australia **8.20** Nigella: At My Table **9.00** Pete Wicks: For Dogs' Sake **11.00** Ghosts **12.55** My Family **1.40-3am** Sort Your Life Out With Stacey Solomon

QUEST freeview 17

6am Salvage Hunters: The Restorers **7.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **11.00** Outback Opal Hunters **1.00** The Repair Shop **2.00** Shed And Buried **3.00** Shed And Buried: Classic Cars **4.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **8.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **9.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** How Do They Do It? **1.00-2am** Salvage Hunters

THAT'S TV freeview 56

8am Rising Damp **8.30** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em **9.10** You Rang, M'Lord? **10.10** Bread **10.50** Steptoe And Son **11.25** Oh, Doctor Beeching! **12.05** Rising Damp **12.30** Man About The House **1.00** Goodnight Sweetheart **1.40** When The Boat Comes In **2.45** Minder **3.45** Just Good Friends **4.25** Man About The House **4.55** Bread **5.30** Birds Of A Feather **6.00** That's 60s: Best Music Live! **6.10** Rising Damp **6.40** Steptoe And Son **7.15** Whatever Happened To The Likely Lads? **7.55** Minder **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** Shameless **11.00** Man About The House **11.30** Mind Your Language **12.00** Benidorm **1.00-2.05am** Minder

SPORT

Sky Sports Main Event 11am Lewis Hamilton will be in action in F1

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6am Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **10.00** Sky Sports FC **11.00** LIVE F1. The Italian Grand Prix first practice session. **12.55** LIVE DP World Tour Golf. The Omega European Masters. **3.30** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day six of the Grand Slam. **6.00** LIVE WSL. London City Lionesses v Manchester United. Kick-off at 7.00. **8.00** LIVE FNF. Ipswich Town v Liverpool. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.45** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day six of the Grand Slam. **12.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Day six of the Grand Slam. **2.30-5.30am** LIVE US Open Tennis

SKY SPORTS PREMIER LEAGUE

7am Premier League Best Goals **8.00** PL Legends **9.00** The Big Interview **9.30** Premier League Stories **10.00** Sky Sports FC **12.00** Total Football **4.00** Fantasy Show **4.30** Premier League Preview **5.00** The Premier League Show **7.00** LIVE FNF. Ipswich Town v Liverpool. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.45** Boss With Jamie Carragher **11.15** Transfer 360 **11.45** PL Greatest Games **12.00** FNF **12.30** Premier League Stories **1.00-3am** PL Retro

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

9am SPFL Highlights **9.30** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Retro **11.00** EFL Cup Highlights **11.30** EFL Trophy Football **12.00** EFL Highlights **12.30** Bundesliga Weekly **1.00** EFL League One Goals **1.30** EFL League Two Goals **2.00** SPFL Round-Up **2.15** SPFL Highlights **2.30** EFL Highlights **4.00** Bundesliga Weekly **4.30** EFL League One Goals **5.00** EFL League Two Goals **5.30** SPFL Round-Up **5.45** SPFL Highlights **6.00** LIVE WSL. London City Lionesses v Manchester United. Kick-off at 7.00. **9.30** SPFL Round-Up **9.45** EFL Highlights **10.30** SPFL Round-Up **10.45** SPFL Highlights **11.00** EFL League One Goals **11.30** EFL League Two Goals **12.00-2.45am** EFL Cup Retro

SKY SPORTS NFL

6am NFL Highlights **7.00** NFL: America's Game **8.00** Super Bowl LIX Highlights **9.00** Super Bowl LX Highlights **10.00** NFL: America's Game **11.00** LIVE NRL. South Sydney Rabbitohs v Sydney Roosters. Kick-off at 11.00. **1.00** Good Morning Football **3.00** The Proving Ground **3.30** NFL Highlights **4.00** NFL: America's Game **5.00** The Proving Ground **5.30** NBC's Pro-Football Talk **7.30** LIVE Betfred Super League. Leigh Leopards v St Helens. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.15** NFL Fantasy **11.00** The Proving Ground **12.00** The Insiders **1.00** NFL Highlights **2.00-6am** LIVE MMA: One Championship. One Fight Night 47.

SKY SPORTS +

6am Sky Sports News **7.00** Sky Sports Breakfast **10.00** Sky Sports FC **11.00** LIVE NRL. South Sydney Rabbitohs v Sydney Roosters. Kick-off at 11.00. **1.00** Total Football **3.30** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day six of the Grand Slam. **7.30** LIVE Betfred Super League. Leigh Leopards v St Helens. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.15** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day six of the Grand Slam. **12.00** LIVE US Open Tennis. Coverage of day six of the Grand Slam. **2.30-5.30am** LIVE US Open Tennis. Day six of the Grand Slam.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

9.30am Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain **10.00** Women's International One-Day Cricket **12.00** International T20 Cricket **2.30** Nepal Climbing Cricket's Mountain **3.00** One-Day International Cricket **6.00** Women's International One-Day Cricket **8.00** Test Cricket **12.00-1am** The Rawalpindi Express

SKY SPORTS GOLF

6am PGA Tour Champions Learning Centre **6.30** DP World Tour Golf **11.30** PGA Tour Champions **12.30** LIVE DP World Tour Golf. The Omega European Masters. **5.30** Scotland's Greatest Golf Holes **6.00** Margins: Beyond The Walker Cup **6.30** DP World Tour Golf **11.30** Perfection In Paris **1.30-2.30am** Legends Tour Golf

ENTERTAINMENT

Sky Witness 8pm Oliver Platt stars as Dr. Daniel Charles in Chicago Med

SKY ONE

6am Mornings With Jones And Melbourne **8.00** Stargate SG-1 **10.00** La Brea **11.00** The Simpsons **12.00** Africa's Hunters **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Live WSL. London City Lionesses v Manchester United. Kick-off at 7.00. Coverage of the Women's Super League match from Copperjax Community Stadium. The visitors did the double over their hosts last season, winning their home fixture 2-1 in February before claiming a comprehensive 5-1 victory at this ground in September. **9.00** New Zealand Spy **10.00** Rose Matafeo: On And On And On **11.15** The F1 Show **12.15** Grimsburg **1.45-2.35am** Grimm

SKY ATLANTIC

6am Fish Town **8.00** Billions **10.15** The Last Of Us **12.30** Homicide: Life On The Street **2.20** Billions **4.30** The White Lotus **6.45** The Last Of Us **9.00 FILM** Lee. American fashion model-turned-war photographer Lee Miller is determined to document the truth of the Nazi regime, and in spite of the odds stacked against female correspondents, she captures some of the most important images of the Second World War. Fact-based drama starring Kate Winslet, Andy Samberg, Alexander Skarsgard and Marion Cotillard. (2023) **11.05** The Iris Affair **1.05-2.50am** The Five-Star Weekend

SKY WITNESS

6am Sun, Sea And A&E **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** The Force: Manchester **10.00** Caught On Dashcam **11.00** Police 24/7 **12.00** FBI **2.00** The Rookie **3.00** Blue Bloods **4.00** Nothing To Declare **8.00** Chicago Med. Past resentments resurface when Charles's old friends visit. **9.00** Chicago Fire. A neighbourhood injury lawyer involves himself in a routine call. **10.00** Chicago PD. Atwater goes undercover. **11.00** The Rookie **12.00-2am** FBI

U&GOLD

7.35am Don't Wait Up **8.05** Ever Decreasing Circles **8.40** Porridge **9.20** The Green Green Grass **10.00** Are You Being Served? **10.35** Last Of The Summer Wine **11.55** Ever Decreasing Circles **12.30** Porridge **1.10** The Vicar Of Dibley **1.55** Dad's Army **2.35** The Green Green Grass **3.15** Are You Being Served? **3.50** Ever Decreasing Circles **4.30** Dad's Army **5.10** Last Of The Summer Wine **6.30** The Vicar Of Dibley **9.20** The Royle Family. Nana is in mourning for her friend Elsie, but her grief tries Jim's patience as she drowns her sorrows with brandy, while Denise is avoiding actually doing anything for Baby David. **10.35** Mrs Brown's Boys. The family awaits the fruits of its fraud. **11.15** The Fast Show **11.55** The Vicar Of Dibley **1.15** The Royle Family **1.55-2.35am** The Fast Show

COMEDY CENTRAL

8am The Upper Hand **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond **11.00** Sabrina The Teenage Witch **1.00** Friends **9.00** Al Murray: Beautiful British Tour: Live At The O2. The comedian performs at the London venue. **10.00** Mr Bean **11.00** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **12.00** 8 Out Of 10 Cats Uncut **1.40-3.10am** Kerry Godliman: Bandwidth

U&ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **10.00** The Mentalist **11.00** Hudson & Rex **12.00** Body Of Proof **1.00** Death In Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** The Mentalist **5.00** Hudson & Rex **6.00** Body Of Proof **7.00** Private Eyes. An old enemy of Angie fakes his own death. **8.00** Death In Paradise. A surf-school owner is shot dead in his workshop and Humphrey notes the door was locked from the inside with no other obvious means of entry. Kris Marshall stars. **9.00** NCIS: Sydney. Doc Roy and his dog are involved in a hostage situation at their local dog cafe. **10.00** Death In Paradise. An artist is found dead in suspicious circumstances and it seems a drink can could hold the answer to the mystery. Meanwhile, Jack is confused by his blossoming feelings for Anna. **11.00** Private Eyes **12.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **1.00-2am** Hudson & Rex

SKY COMEDY

8am Will & Grace **9.00** Sort Of **10.00** Based On A True Story **11.20** Will & Grace **12.20** Upright **1.40** Based On A True Story **3.00** Will & Grace **4.00** Hitmen: Reloaded **5.00** Community **6.00** Will & Grace **7.00** The US Office **8.00** Animal Control **9.00** Maisie Adam: Appraisal. A home town show by the comedian at Harrogate Theatre. **10.15** The Paper **11.35** Animal Control **12.35** Community **1.35-2.10am** Upright

DISCOVERY

6am How It's Made **7.00** Treehouse Masters **9.00** Gold Rush **11.00** Building Off The Grid **1.00** Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet **3.00** How It's Made **5.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **7.00** Wheeler Dealers. Mike Brewer restores a 1994 Mitsubishi 3000GT VR-4. **8.00** Deadliest Catch. Sig and Sophia score some hybrid crab, but a tank imbalance risks capsizing the Northwestern. The Time Bandit crew races incoming ice to get OJ home. **9.00** Expedition Unknown **11.00** Expedition Files. A serial killer's descendant tells the truth about his death. **12.00** Deadliest Catch **1.00-2am** Expedition Unknown

RADIO

Virgin Radio 6.30am Actor Andrew Scott visits the studio for a chat with Chris Evans

VIRGIN RADIO DAB virginradio.co.uk

6.30am Chris Evans **10.00** Emma B **2.00** Ben Jones **6.00** Stu Elmore **10.00** Goldierocks **2.00-6am** Jen Thomas

TALKRADIO DAB talkradio.co.uk

6am Mark Dolan **10.00** Alex Phillips **1.00** Ian Collins **4.00** Kevin O'Sullivan **7.00** Peter Cardwell **9.00** Kevin O'Sullivan **10.00** Andre Walker Ft. Ash **1.00-6am** Ben Fletcher

TALKSPORT 1053, 1089MW talksport.com

6am Alan Brazil **10.00** Sam Matterface & Alex Crook **1.00** Hawksbee And Jacobs **4.00** Drive **7.00** Kick Off **10.00** The Sports Bar Weekender **1.00-6am** Extra Time With Ben Fletcher

Sun tv 4-PAGE SECTION TV GUIDE

Bourgeois is slightly less smooth, but the trainspotter is key to this new era of The Grand Tour being a success.

His quirky nature and humour bring a fresh element and his two co-hosts know it, given the way they tee him up to present his geekiness.

His love of trains – evident when the new hosts race alongside a freight train, prompting Engelsman to say "we're in a Francis Bourgeois dream right now" – never gets tired.

They may not have the chemistry of Clarkson and Co but, as a car show spectacle, it's heading in the right direction.

ROD McPHEE

MAKE MINE A LAUGH . . . Joe in pub

Sun tv picks

LIVE FROM THE LYCETT ARMS, Channel 4, 10pm: Following in the footsteps of the likes of TFI Friday, this new offering definitely makes us think that staying in is the new going out.

Comedian Joe Lycett becomes a pub landlord for this anarchic live entertainment series, broadcasting direct from his own boozer.

He welcomes a weekly celebrity co-manager alongside famous faces and quirky regulars for an hour of pure Friday night chaos.

Expect live karaoke, pub quizzes, stand-up sets, and unexpected glasses smashing as Joe attempts to condense a week's worth of pub madness into 60 unscripted minutes. Grab a pint and settle in for brilliant, unmissable fun.

GOGGLEBOX, Channel 4, 9pm: Britain's favourite armchair critics are back on their sofas with snacks at the ready to deliver their hilarious, unfiltered commentary on the week's biggest television shows.

Jenny and Lee, Pete and Sophie and the Siddiquis return to dissect everything from breaking news to high-stakes dramas.

Expect quick wit, belly laughs, and spot-on observations as the nation's sharpest viewers kick off a new series.

SISTER BONIFACE MYSTERIES, BBC One, 2pm: Lorna Watson's scooter-riding, crime-solving nun has a rather creepy case this week.

Panic sweeps through a local community of eccentric toy designers after a doll maker is found stabbed in a locked room – with his newest creation holding the murder weapon.

While locals fear supernatural forces are at play, Sister Boniface sets out to find the killer.

Meanwhile, Inspector Felix's fiancee arrives from Bermuda, deeply baffled by his new life in the village of Great Slaughter.

THE MARLOW MURDER CLUB, BBC Two, 9pm: This thrilling mystery reaches its dramatic conclusion as civilian advisers Judith, Suzie, and Becks team up with police to question a suspect whose odd behaviour at Stefan's funeral raised major red flags.

A cryptic letter leads the amateur sleuths directly to a solicitor's office, just as a third body turns up with a matching medallion. To crack the case, Judith (Samantha Bond) must dig into painful memories from her own past.

GEMMA QUADE

TNT SPORTS 1

10.15am LIVE Cycling: Lloyds Tour Of Britain-Stage 3 **4.15** LIVE Cycling: La Vuelta Men. Stage 13. **5.00** The Fantasy Show **5.30** Sign Up – Into Football **6.15** Groundbreaking **6.30** Premier League Preview **7.00** LIVE MLB. Cleveland Guardians v Detroit Tigers. Start-time at 7.10. **10.00** UEFA Champions League Magazine **10.30** MLB Highlights **11.30** LIVE MLB. Philadelphia Phillies v Atlanta Braves. Start-time at 11.40. **3.30** LIVE AFLW. Bounce-up at 3.35. **5.55-9am** LIVE AFL

TNT SPORTS 2

9.15am LIVE World Superbikes **10.15** World Superbike Rewind **12.00** World Superbike Highlights **1.00** LIVE World Superbikes. Coverage from the Sportbike Superpole session. **1.45** British Superbikes Rewind **2.00** LIVE World Superbikes **3.00** LIVE World Superbikes **3.45** MotoGP Rewind **4.00** TNT Sports Reload **4.30** CPL Highlights **5.00** Discovery Golf **5.30** MLB Highlights **6.30** MLB Plays of the Week **7.00** LIVE IFSC Climbing World Series **9.45** MotoGP Rewind **10.00** TNT Sports Reload **10.30** CPL Highlights **11.30** LIVE CPL. Guyana Amazon Warriors v Jamaica Kingsmen. **4.00-6am** LIVE AFLW. St Kilda Saints Women v North Melbourne Kangaroos Women. Bounce-up at 4.05.

TNT SPORTS 3

10am Premier League Legends **11.30** Serie A – Full Impact **12.00** TNT Sports Reload **12.30** MLB Highlights **1.30** LIVE Cycling: La Vuelta Men **5.00** Inside Serie A **5.30** WRC Review **6.30** Endurance Uncovered: Racing for Excellence **7.00** AFL **8.30** Discovery Golf **9.00** Cycling **10.00** Cycling **11.00** Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Seattle Seahawks **12.00** Premier League – The Big Interview **12.30** UEFA Champions League Magazine **1.00** AFL **5.30-7.30am** LIVE AFLW. Port Adelaide Power Women v Gold Coast Suns Women. Bounce-up at 5.35.

PREMIER SPORTS 1

7am LaLiga **9.00** Sporting Greats **9.30** SPFL **11.30** Michelin Le Mans Cup **12.00** LaLiga **2.00** Bike World **2.30** NASCAR Highlights **3.30** Show Jumping **4.30** SPFL **6.25** LaLiga Highlights **7.55** LIVE LaLiga. Real Betis v Real Madrid. Kick-off at 8.00. **10.00** World Of FreeSports **10.30** KOTV Weekly **11.00** NASCAR Highlights **12.00-2am** LaLiga

TALKSPORT2 *DAB talksport.com*

10am Howzat For A Podcast! **11.00** Following On **12.00** The EFL Fan Network **1.00** Racing Live **3.00** The Social **4.00** The Big Weekend Preview With William Hill **5.00** Premier League All Access **6.00** The EFL Fan Network **7.00** Danny Kelly **7.45** Super League Live **10.00** Premier League All Access **11.00** The EFL Fan Network **12.00-8am** My Sporting Life

TIMES RADIO *DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio*

6am Rosie Wright And Guto Harri **10.00** Ed Vaizey **1.00** Ayesha Hazarika **4.00** Cathy Newman **7.00** Geoff Norcott **10.00** Henry Bonsu **1.00-6am** The Best Of Times Radio

RADIO 1 *97.6-99.8FM bbc.co.uk/radio1*

6.58am Newsbeat **7.00** Greg James **10.00** Anthems **11.00** Group Chat With Nat And Vicky **12.45** Newsbeat **1.00** Sam And Danni **3.00** Dance Party Starters **4.00** Jack Saunders **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Danny Howard **8.00** Sarah Story **10.00** Pete Tong **12.00** Essential Mix **2.00** Dance Presents **3.00** Danny Howard **4.00** Dance Party Starters **5.00-6am** Live Lounge

RADIO 2 *88-91FM bbc.co.uk/radio2*

6.30am Sara Cox **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00** Tina Daheley **2.00** DJ Spoony **4.00** Drivetime **7.00** Michelle Visage **8.30** Michelle Visage's Handbag Hits **9.00** Sophie Ellis-Bextor's Kitchen Disco **11.00** Shaun Keaveny **12.00** Romesh Ranganathan (R) **1.00** Tony Blackburn's Sounds Of Soul **2.00-3am** Radio 2 In The Park (R)

MOVIES

Sky Cinema Premiere 9.45pm Christian Mortensen stars in Rise of the Conqueror

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

9.50am Goat (PG, 2026) ★★★ **11.35 Signal One** (15, 2026) ★★★ **1.05 Hungry** (15, 2026) ★★★ **2.45 Tom And Jerry: Forbidden Compass** (PG, 2025) ★ **4.30 Goat** (PG, 2026) ★★★ **6.15 Panda Plan 2: The Magical Tribe** (12, 2026) ★★★ **8.00 Hungry** (15, 2026) ★★★ **9.45 Rise Of The Conqueror** (15, 2026) ★★★ **11.55 Five Nights At Freddy's 2** (15, 2025) ★★★ **1.50-3.35am Twinless** (15, 2025) ★★★★

SKY CINEMA ANIMATION

9.40am Open Season 3 (U, 2010) ★★★ **11.00 Dr Seuss' The Lorax** (U, 2012) ★★★★ **12.30 Goat** (PG, 2026) ★★★ **2.25 Puss In Boots** (U, 2011) ★★★★ **4.00 Despicable Me** (U, 2010) ★★★★ **5.40 Despicable Me 2** (U, 2013) ★★★ **7.20 Despicable Me 3** (U, 2017) ★★★★ **8.55 Minions** (U, 2015) ★★★★ **10.30-12.05am Hotel Transylvania** (U, 2012) ★★★★

SKY CINEMA ACTION

10am The Italian Job (PG, 1969) ★★★★★ **11.55 The Expendables** (15, 2010) ★★★★ **1.50 The Expendables 2** (15, 2012) ★★★★ **3.40 The Expendables 3** (15, 2014) ★★★★ **5.50 Bullet Train** (15, 2022) ★★★★ **8.00 Mortal Kombat II** (15, 2026) ★★★ **10.05 Batman Forever** (12, 1995) ★★ **12.10-2.10am Bloodshot** (12, 2020) ★★★

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11am Warlock (U, 1959) ★★★★ **1.30 Magnificent Obsession** (U, 1954) ★★★★ **3.40 The Caine Mutiny** (U, 1954) ★★★ **6.15 A Few Good Men** (15, 1992) ★★★★ **9.00 Ready Or Not** (18, 2019) ★★★★ **10.50-1.30am Mission: Impossible: Rogue Nation** (12, 2015) ★★★★

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12.30pm The Man Who Stayed Alive 1.05 The Edgar Wallace Mystery Theatre 2.15 The Adventures Of Robin Hood 2.50 Ambush In Leopard Street (PG, 1962) ★★★ **4.00 That's My Boy 4.30 The Cheaters 5.00 A Family At War 6.00 Rumpole Of The Bailey 7.00 Z Cars 8.00 Public Eye 9.00 Cellar Club 9.20 Dr Jekyll And Sister Hyde** (18, 1971) ★★★★ **11.15 Cellar Club With Caroline Munro 11.30 The Curse Of Frankenstein** (12, 1957) ★★★★ **1.10-2.40am Ski Troop Attack** (U, 1960) ★★★

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1pm The Unit 2.00 Burn Notice 4.00 The Coldest Game (15, 2019) ★★★★ **6.00 The Unit 7.00 Burn Notice 9.00 Snatch** (18, 2000) ★★★ **11.15 The Avengers 12.15-1.15am The Baron**

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Surprise party exposed secret

Dear Deidre

I THREW a surprise for my partner's 40th – but I was the one who got a shock when I found out he'd been living a double life.

I'm 38, we have been together for six years and, as far as I knew, we were happy.

For weeks, I'd been secretly organising the party, with my partner's son. He'd kept insisting he didn't want to make a fuss, but you only turn 40 once, and I wanted to do something nice for him.

We booked his favourite pub, invited his family and even managed to track down some old friends he hadn't seen in years.

I was so excited to surprise him.

When he walked through the door, everyone yelled, "Surprise!", and he looked genuinely stunned.

Everything was going well until one of his friends I hadn't seen in months came over, gave me a hug and said: "So lovely you two got back together."

I was confused but laughed it off, thinking it was a misunderstanding.

Then, later on, another friend asked whether I was OK and said they'd heard we'd split up.

I knew something wasn't right, and soon discovered they thought we had separated and that my partner had been seeing another woman.

My stomach dropped.

When I eventually confronted my partner later that night, he tried to deny everything – but eventually admitted he'd been seeing a woman from his gym for almost a year.

I feel so heartbroken and humiliated. After everything we've built together, how could he make such a fool of me?

■ DEIDRE SAYS: This wasn't a one-off mistake. Your partner has been maintaining another relationship for almost a year, presumably letting his friends in on it, while allowing you to believe everything was fine.

That is a huge betrayal, and you're entitled to feel hurt and humiliated. Now, you need to decide what you want from this relationship going forward.

If you choose to stay, your partner needs to understand that apologising is only the beginning. He must be willing to be open with you, regain your trust and prove through his actions that he is committed to your relationship.

If you decide you cannot move past what he has done, give yourself permission to walk away, and focus on rebuilding your own life. My support pack, Cheating – Can You Get Over It?, can help you work through your options, and one called Moving On can offer advice if you decide it's time to split.

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Is something troubling you? Our experienced counsellors are here to offer insight and practical help. Email or DM us (details below) or scan this QR code to send a WhatsApp.

NOTHING FOR YEARS, NOW HE WANTS TO BE IDEAL DAD

Dear Deidre

AFTER three years of silence, my ex has suddenly decided he wants contact with our children, and I'm scared I won't be able to protect them.

I'm 34 and my kids are six and eight. Their dad left not long after our youngest was born.

He would cancel weekend visits at the last minute, forget birthdays and disappear whenever things got difficult.

His family weren't much better. They would always make snide comments about my parenting and once turned up at my house after an argument, shouting threats through the letterbox while the children were upstairs.

Eventually, I stopped chasing him to get involved and for three years, we've heard absolutely nothing.

Then, last week, a letter arrived from the family court saying he had applied for a child arrangements order and wanted contact. My stomach dropped.

My children barely remember him and have a nice, settled life without him. I'm terrified he will force his way back into their lives and upset them.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Don't panic or agree to anything before getting proper legal advice. Keep records of previous incidents and any concerns about your children's safety, and explain these clearly to the court.

Contact childlawadvice.org.uk for guidance about your rights, and rightsofwomen.org.uk for free legal advice. My support pack, When Parents Fall Out, will also help.

OK TO BED ESCORT IF LOVER IS ABROAD?

Dear Deidre

IF I were to pay for sex with an escort, would that really class as cheating?

I just miss my girlfriend so much. We met online and, at the moment, she's working out in Spain as a nanny. We are both 26.

Before she went away, we used to have sex every day. But she's currently away with her employers and the kids at their holiday home and it will be another month before she comes home again.

We've tried sexting, and getting intimate on FaceTime, but it just isn't the same as being able to feel each other.

I know I shouldn't even contemplate seeing an escort but there wouldn't be an emotional connection and I'm feeling desperate for sex.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Yes, a contractual arrangement for sex is still cheating, however you look at it. You'd have to live with the guilt. And of course there is a chance your girlfriend could find out you'd been unfaithful and then you could lose it all.

It would be a shame to risk jeopardising your relationship for a few moments of sexual relief with a stranger. If your girlfriend wanted no-strings sex while she's away, how would you feel about it?

My support pack, Looking After Your Relationship, will help you explore how to strengthen your relationship in other ways.

Get out with your friends too. It will make the time go so much quicker.

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EDDIE'S ENDLESS OPTIONS: **DAY 5**

Clothes by Boohoo and BoohooMAN

CONTINUES TOMORROW

hot topic

PLANNING your wedding should be an exciting time, but your dream day can bring plenty of pressure.

Juggling budgets, family opinions, guest lists and endless decisions can fast become overwhelming, especially when you feel like everything has to be perfect.

A survey found 84 per cent of brides felt frazzled ahead of their nuptials, with over a quarter branding it the most stressful event of their lives.

If the build-up to your big day is taking a toll, my support pack, Wedding Worries?, can help.

Dear Deidre

A BURST pipe turned our dream home into a building site and we now live out of suitcases.

I'm 36, my wife is 34, and we have a nine-month-old son. We bought our first house less than two years ago and were so happy to have finally put down some roots.

Then, after a weekend away, we came home to water pouring through the ceiling. A pipe had burst in the loft and several rooms were soaked. Within days, damp and mould started appearing and an inspection found damage behind the walls, too.

After that, our insurance company agreed the house wasn't safe to live in and arranged for repairs

SO ANXIOUS OVER WORK ON HOME

to begin. That was five months ago. Since then, we've been moving between our parents' spare rooms. It's been exhausting.

The builders keep pushing dates back and we can't seem to get a straight answer any time we ask for an update.

I hate seeing my wife so stressed and feel awful that our baby has no proper home.

My anxiety is through the roof and I'm struggling to see any light at the end of the tunnel.

■ DEIDRE SAYS: Five months of this kind of uncertainty would test anyone, especially if they have a young baby.

Keep pushing your insurer and builders for clear timescales and ask for updates in writing so that you have a clear record of what you have been told.

If the delays continue, ask what alternative accommodation or further support may be available under your policy.

Don't struggle with this alone. Contact Shelter (shelter.org.uk, 0808 800 4444), which offers free advice about housing problems.

My support packs, Help For Stress and Living With Anxiety, offer advice, too.

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Fab DAILY

Most women's underwear drawers are stuffed with bras they never wear. From the bandeau to the bralette, the balconette and the racerback, most of us own way, way more than we need. So its time for all those unused ones to be thrown out of the closet. Fashion editor ABBY McHALE here lists the only six you'll ever need for the ultimate collection . . . and they won't break the bank, either.

THE ONLY SIX BRAS YOU'LL EVER NEED

The EVERY DAY

WE all have that one bra that you reach for more than the rest. Usually it's the one that fits you well and is the most comfortable.

It's your every day bra.

It could be something plain, maybe a bralette, a balconette, a full-cup, even something with a pattern. It really is down to what you find works for you.

To keep your bras in good nick, you should wash them after every two to three wears, meaning that as much as it may be your favourite, you need a roster of other bras to alternate with.

And always wash them either by hand or on a delicates setting.

Dark pink bra, £10, M&S

The T-SHIRT

WHILE it sometimes works to show a little bit of bra underneath your clothing, nine times out of ten you don't need to see it.

You want something that is not only comfortable, but also smoothing under clothes. Enter the T-shirt bra.

No added frills or fuss, just a smooth cup that you can wear under smooth T-shirts without it being visible. Luckily, they are readily available on the high street.

They usually come in neutral shades of beige, black and white, but if you did want to inject some colour without fear of anything showing through, a red bra seldom shows under a white T-shirt.

No-frills bra, £3, Primark

The SPORTS

A GOOD sports bra is crucial when exercising, and these days the market has come on leaps and bounds.

There are a whole host of different options depending on the level of support you need and the intensity of your workout.

For anyone with a smaller bust or doing low-impact exercise, a bra with no excess underwiring and thinner straps will do the trick.

If you have a fuller bust or do high-intensity workouts, then you should look for a bra that is underwired with thick, adjustable straps.

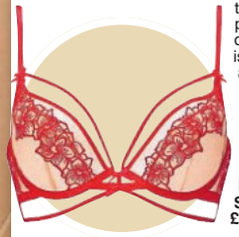
Fuller-bust bra, £14, Matalan

The SEXY

YOUR bra should make you feel good and give you confidence – and one that adds a bit of sex appeal can do exactly that.

Whether a print, a touch of lace or some extra straps, there are so many options to choose from. So while it might not be the style you put on every day, a sexy bra is great to have available for those special times you really want to feel great about yourself.

They don't have to come with a high cost, either.



Strap detail bra, £24, Ann Summers

The PUSH UP

MAURA HIGGINS wore one for her Victoria's Secret campaign this summer, *left*.

Great when you need that extra lift, while the padding adds volume.

If you are fuller-busted then a padded push-up bra is not something you need.

Look for ones that offers lift support, which often come with fabric panels underneath the cup without adding bulk.

Leopard print bra, £14, F&F at Tesco

The STRAPLESS

IF you've splashed out on a pretty top but can't find a bra to work with it, you probably need a strapless or multiway.

This way your bust is still getting some support and you don't get VBL (visible bra lines).

If you have a smaller bust, there is more choice, but there are still good options for those with a bigger chest.

Your best bet is to head to a lingerie specialist such as Curvy Kate that also specialises in fuller-bust bras.

Their bras will have the technology in place to provide full support.

Strapless bra, £38, Curvy Kate

VICTORIA'S SECRET

Fab DAILY

DRESS FOR SUCCESS . . . Abi, in vibrant and colourful floral frock, and crop top

HOW APPS AND AI HELPED ME FIND MY STYLE

FASHION intern ABI JAMES-MILLER, 27, is registered blind, with just five per cent vision in one eye. As a lover of the industry, its styles and trends, she explains what clothes mean to her and how new technology has made shopping easier than ever . . .

FASHION has always been about much more than clothes for me.

It's confidence, self-expression and one of the quickest ways to tell the world who you are without saying a word.

Growing up, my older sister never dressed subtly.

She loved clashing prints, oversized sunglasses, towering heels and statement jewellery. I thought she was the coolest person in the world.

Visiting her backstage while she worked as a backing singer for artists like Paloma Faith, whose bold, theatrical style fascinated me, only fuelled that obsession.

Fashion trends move fast.

Like a lot of people, I've found myself wondering: "Does this actually suit me, or am I just wearing it because everyone else is?"

I couldn't rely on seeing every tiny detail, so fashion became a bit like pattern recognition.

I was drawn to pieces with texture, movement and bold colour – from ruffles, lace and silk to raised stitching, embroidery and interesting fastenings.

Even my favourite polka-dot jeans have stitched dots rather than a flat print, which adds another layer of interest.

I learnt which shapes suited my frame. Being slim and 5ft 3in, I realised some silhouettes worked better.

I can't always see details, but I can see shape, proportion and movement.

Looking at photos taught me as much as looking in the mirror ever could.

I'd ask friends what worked and use apps like Be My Eyes, which describes photos and connects me with sighted volunteers when I need a second opinion.

Shopping has evolved too.

My carers used to sit with me while I scrolled through ASOS, PrettyLittleThing and Boohoo, reading out the product descriptions.

I ordered so many parcels I ended up on first-name terms with the Evri driver.

These days, Google Lens helps me find pieces, reverse-search outfits and find product details.

Video calls with friends, AI and brilliant sales assistants also help me to shop more independently.

Shops such as M&S, Mango, Zara and John Lewis have shown me how much difference helpful staff can make, from navigating rails and finding sizes to describing colours, fabrics and fit.

Working in fashion has sharpened that instinct. Handling hundreds of clothes, watching stylists build looks and seeing trends interpreted by different retailers has helped me understand why certain pieces work.

Great style has never depended on perfect eyesight. I've also worked with brands to improve accessibility and have modelled adaptive fashion for Unhidden at London Fashion Week and on Dragons' Den.

You may think fashion can't matter if you can't see the detail, but it has always mattered more to me.

It has never just been about what I can see, it's about how clothes make me feel. Looking good is a feeling.

STAR QUALITY . . . Abi posing with MAFS UK's Ella Morgan

TIME TO

SIBLING RIVALRY . . . first UK store for Zara's little sister Lefties, in Liverpool

As Zara's 'cheaper little sister' finally goes on sale in the UK, stylist **EMILY REGAN** tries out some of the pieces and reveals the must-buy items

IT'S safe to say that Zara has cemented its place at the top of the high street pecking order.

Now its offshoot Lefties hopes to do the same, having just opened its first UK store in Liverpool.

Both brands are owned by Spanish retail giant Inditex, which also has Pull&Bear, Bershka and Stradivarius under its umbrella.

Lefties began life in Spain in 1999 as an outlet selling unsold Zara stock. It now operates in more than 20 markets worldwide, with around 225 stores.

For the past decade, it has moved away from its outlet roots and established itself as a standalone brand, selling its collections for men, women and children. It launched online in the UK at the end of July, before opening its first physical store at Liverpool ONE last week.

Two more stores are set to arrive this year – Lakeside in Essex and north-east shopping magnet, the Metrocentre in Gateshead.

Look 1
£99.96

Jacket, £39.99, blouse, £15.99, jorts, £17.99, shoes, £22.99

Zara's version, £69.99

I'M a sucker for a faux-leather jacket, but finding an affordable option that doesn't look cheap can be tricky. It's one of those pieces I'd usually spend a little more on for that premium finish.

I was pleasantly surprised when I first pulled this one out of the box. The attention to detail in the design is impressive.

Crossover lapels, an oversized silhouette and a funnel neck all tick the boxes.

Zara currently has an almost identical style for £69.99 – and at half the price, this is a brilliant alternative. I'd be hard-pressed to spot many differences between the two.

The white blouse was less of a hit, though. It looked great in the online pictures, but in real life, the fabric felt flimsy.

While it wasn't see-through, it was thin.

Much like the jeans, I had an issue with the length of the jorts.

They were too long for my petite frame, although the quality was definitely there.

I particularly liked the adjustable belt detail to cinch them in at the waist for a more flattering fit.

The sizing of the shoes also seemed inconsistent, as these ballet pumps felt snug.

If you're shopping online, I'd recommend sizing up.

Emily's verdict

AFTER putting Lefties through its paces, it has won me over. The prices are significantly lower compared to Zara, but for the most part, there isn't a compromise in quality.

From surprisingly premium jackets to seriously good-value shoes, there are plenty of pieces I'd add to my wardrobe.

Although Lefties does have a few trend-led pieces, its real strength lies in its everyday basics. If you are after something particularly fashion-forward, Zara still has more on offer.

Lefties wasn't without its flaws, though, with a few pieces not quite fitting right, particularly on my petite frame, but overall I was genuinely impressed.

JOIN THE LEFTIES

Look 2
£77.96

Jacket, £22.99,
T-shirt, £5.99,
jeans, £25.99,
heels, £22.99

Look 3
£66.96

Top, £15.99,
skirt, £17.99,
bag, £22.99,
sandals, £9.99

Look 4
£56.97

Jumper, £15.99,
trousers, £17.99,
loafers, £22.99

Photography by LORNA ROACH

I'M a bit of a white T-shirt snob. I've always found Zara's to be hit and miss, and with its basic ones costing from £9.99 to £17.99, I was intrigued to try Lefties' £5.99 version.

The T-shirt was completely opaque and sat in a flattering spot, not too long or baggy. I was also pleased to see it is made from 95 per cent cotton.

When it came to the jeans, however, I was less convinced by the fit.

With Zara, I struggle to find jeans because the leg length is far too long for me at my 5ft 1in height.

Lefties is no different, and the brand doesn't offer a petite collection. That said, I was impressed with the quality.

One of the biggest surprises was this wool-blend jacket, perfect for the transition into autumn. I've seen countless versions of this style on the Zara shop floor, and at first glance, I'd have been convinced it was from Zara itself.

The texture feels like a really premium quality that could last beyond one season.

As for the heels, they look slightly cheaper than Zara's, but won me over on comfort.

These are some of the most comfortable slingbacks I've tried, making them a real high street steal.

AFTER trying on the jeans, I was worried the skirt might be too long, but thankfully it sits at the perfect length.

It also has an adjustable waist, ideal for getting a comfy fit.

I have a slightly bigger bust, and I was concerned there wouldn't be much give in the fabric, which I've found with a lot of Zara pieces.

To keep things fair, I stuck with my usual size and was impressed with the fit.

It had plenty of stretch, so it didn't feel tight across my chest, while the elasticated sleeves and peplum managed to keep their shape nicely.

The fabric didn't feel high quality, but it was opaque.

The basket bag was a little smaller than expected, but the quality was really good.

But the real bargain had to be the sandals.

I couldn't believe these were just £9.99, especially when Zara has a similar pair for £39.99, *below*.

They were very comfortable and very easy to get on and off.

I'll definitely be keeping them for next summer.

Zara's version, £39.99

ARGYLE is a great way to introduce print into your everyday wardrobe.

This short-sleeve style is ideal for transitional weather as we say goodbye to summer.

It is lightweight and feels like the kind of piece you'll be reaching for time and time again.

It doesn't feel flimsy or overly delicate like some of the cheaper high street options can.

I'm a big fan of a wide-leg trouser, but again, these were just a little too long on me.

The adjustable waistband is great, making the trousers a practical choice for your workday wardrobe when you want to look polished while still feeling comfortable.

The fabric has a nice weight to it and doesn't feel overly thin, which can sometimes be an issue with more affordable tailoring.

The loafers were easily my favourite of the shoes.

My old pair have finally reached the end of their life, so these will definitely be taking their place.

They feel sturdy rather than flimsy and they are really soft on the inside, which proves Lefties could give some of the other budget high street favourites a serious run for their money.

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The page where you tell Britain what you think

THE yield on government bonds hit 5.91 per cent after Andy Burnham's PMQs debut, higher than the 5.1 per cent caused by Liz Truss's mini Budget in 2022.

And the PM doesn't seem to have any idea how to bring government spending down.

So should we bring back the lettuce to see if Burnham can beat Truss and outlast it?

DOUG HARDING
Cheshunt, Herts

I DON'T know why Robbie Williams, *pictured*, is so obsessed with fat jabs when he says they seem to be affecting his eyesight. He's always had a nice enough body without using these injections.

JANE BIRD
Eastleigh, Hants

IT has only been a week since Harry and Meghan moved back to the UK and their children already have school places. This suggests their move must have been planned ages ago.

PETE LAMBELL
Daventry, Northants

GOOD to hear Katie Price has come to her senses and is set to divorce Lee Andrews but what was she thinking when she married him after only knowing him for a few days?

I just hope Katie, *pictured*, doesn't lose any more financially than she already has.

SUZANNE LAMBERT
Sandhutton, North Yorks

HOW have Manchester City been allowed to spend half a billion pounds on players during the transfer window when they have 115 Premier League charges against them?

KEV WYMAN
Carlton, Notts

It's cop-out by Macron

£50 LETTER

HAVING promised just 45 extra cops to deal with the small boat crisis, no wonder France's President Macron was smiling as he viewed the Bayeux Tapestry with our PM.

Talk about a cop-out. How would that number help cope with the amount of migrants desperately trying to flee France to get to the UK?

Imagine a modern-day Bayeux Tapestry – it would just be full of dinghies and French police standing idle.

ELAINE McGETTERICK
Downpatrick, Co Down

THE Bayeux Tapestry is a marvellous piece of work, but rather than the Battle of Hastings I think it commemorates the illegal boat crossings.

King Harold couldn't stop the Normans coming over in 1066 and it seems nothing has changed much now.

PADDY MAXWELL
Southampton

WHY don't we keep the Bayeux Tapestry – a thing of wonder that was created in Britain – until the French stop all the small boats?

We can give it back to them when they have actually achieved something.

EMMA MORTON
Bere Alston, Devon

WE should tell France to keep their 45 extra cops and we'll keep all the money that we pay them to do nothing.

SAM MOORE
Reigate, Surrey

WE can breathe easy now that France has offered us 45 more cops to help with the migration crisis. Another lot of French cops to stand idly by while migrants set off for Britain. Is President Macron having a laugh?

We've paid millions to France to help curb illegal migration and they have failed us miserably.

ALAN DIXON
Morpeth, Northumberland

WITH our so-called crackdown on the small boats that bring migrants across the Channel, the people smugglers are now using mega dinghies.

The French could not see small boats but I assumed bigger ones would be easier to spot. How much more wrong could I be!

KELVIN GLEN
Corringham, Essex

LABOUR'S comically stupid "one in, one out" scheme to tackle illegal migrants is trivial in terms of numbers.

And the fact remains that the UK is a desirable place to live for young men from countries who do not share our culture or values. We need a Rwanda-style return scheme.

KYMBERLEY YETTON
Papworth Everard, Cambs

ANDY Burnham's first PMQs showed he was way out of his depth – and Kemi Badenoch roasted him.

He is afraid to tackle the spiralling benefits bill or illegal immigration. He even had the cheek to blame Mrs Thatcher for the state of the country! How low can you go?

We certainly wouldn't be in such a mess with her still in the job instead of this clown.

PETER SINGER
Leeds

ANDY Burnham has the nerve to blame Margaret Thatcher and Brexit for this country's problems.

No, the problems all started with Tony Blair and his government in 1997. And that was Labour again.

They alway blame someone else for their failures.

BRIAN TITTERTON
Chesterfield, Derbys

WE have a delusional Labour Government who are totally incompetent and in denial.

Then there is a Conservative opposition trying to convince the public that they have learnt their lessons after 14 years failure.

We need proper leadership, accountability, transparency and courage. We need politicians to sort themselves out or get out.

We need to have a General Election now.

BOB MARSHALL
Sheffield

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SIR Winston Churchill said: "Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it." Have you reinforced our military resources in the Falklands, Prime Minister?
COLIN MACDONALD, Nottingham

I SEE the Just Stop Oil lot are at it again. They blocked roads in Westminster and some glued themselves to the tarmac. I'd just leave them there.
SIMON JELLIS, Letchworth, Herts

WHEN is Burnham going to put the British people first? Stop sending money abroad and look after the poorest in Britain.
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ARIES March 21 – April 20

The weekend can't come fast enough. Your sociable nature kicks in today and you're more interested in gossip than work. But don't get caught out, and do find ways of making a mundane job more interesting. A lunchtime date puts the feel-good vibe back into your life. Focus on what's fun in life.

TAURUS April 21 – May 21

Money talks and you want to be the one to do the talking. Keep hold of your dreams and goals to make money through your home, or linked to your family. A lodger, maybe? Or a helping hand on to the property ladder? Wear a sensible hat today and put frivolity aside. It's worth drawing up a long-term business plan.

GEMINI May 22 – June 21

Save your advice for the person who will benefit most, and that might not be someone in your family. A midday heart-to-heart is a therapy session and could have great results. Later on, beware getting collared by the local moaner, who's never happy. Choose a social event that will lift you up, not drag you down.

CANCER June 22 – July 22

You may need some "me" time today to come to terms with changes, but give yourself a talking-to if falling into a negative mindset. Instead, focus on what's possible, and have faith that your lucky break will come. It will only take one door to open to improve your financial situation and give you hope for the future.

LEO July 23 – August 23

It's a good day to focus on what's possible rather than what's not. Jupiter luck's on your side, calling you to say yes to a trip or new experience. Get the right pals on board and you'll have fun. Going out with that friend who always complains about being broke isn't wise. Neither is living above your means.

VIRGO August 24 – September 22

There's no chance of things slowing down as the working week draws to a close. You'll be full on with calls, meetings and tasks. But it's worth putting in the hours, especially if it means extra dosh. An old contact could open the door to a new future, either personally or professionally. Reach out and reconnect.

LIBRA September 23 – October 23

Line up something different for the weekend to stop the boredom kicking in. If you are one of life's scrollers, sign off your socials for a few days. Keep it real. An entrepreneurial friend reawakens your enthusiasm for life when you line up a lunch date. Single? A new love interest could help you get your pink back.

SCORPIO October 24 – November 22

It's time you believed in yourself and your ability to live well. Asking friends for advice is a no-no. Instead, consider what you're good at and hone your ability to be persistent and refine your skills. Believing that you can turn things around is key to change. Invited to two social events tonight? Go to both.

SAGITTARIUS November 23 – December 21

It will be hard to concentrate at work today if a lot is going on in your personal life. It's a godsend if you find someone you can delegate to or just the right person to help you. If there's someone you can't stop thinking about, get in touch. Even if they live on the other side of the world, it's a day when love can flourish.

CAPRICORN December 22 – January 20

Work's a laugh when you're around people who know how to have fun. It's not so fun if colleagues are off sick or gallivanting and you're picking up the slack. Either way, you're grateful for work and the ability to earn. Unemployed? Spread the word that you're looking for a job. A lottery syndicate could be lucky.

AQUARIUS January 21 –February 18

Flirty fun's on the cards today – maybe if enjoying a cheeky pre-weekend drink, with or without your other half. It won't help your bank balance but will make you feel good, for a while at least. Single? Don't fall for the person who's clueless about money, again. Value yourself highly and level up your love expectations.

PISCES February 19 – March 20

It's easy to get caught up with family but be careful how much time you're giving to a child or domestic issue. If your relationship's starting to suffer, allocate your time more equally. You're right to get excited about a new job, whether you're the one celebrating or someone close. It will likely be a job that lasts.

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CONFIDENT . . . the band's Tim Carter, Serge Pizzorno, Chris Edwards and Ian Matthews in photo for new album

Photography by NEIL BEDFORD

KASABIAN

'Being a frontman is a kind of martial art'

the BIG **INTERVIEW** Serge Pizzorno

SERGE PIZZORNO is a man who no longer has anything to prove.

He's spent the past few years fighting to make sure Kasabian survived, reinvented themselves and came back even stronger.

And so, Act III – their ninth studio album – arrives with the confidence of a band who have already answered their doubters.

"I feel like this album draws from every era of Kasabian," he tells me. "Soulmate has something of the first album, but I can hear West Ryder and Empire in there too, along with everything I've learned as a songwriter.

"It feels like a fine-tuned version of all those eras, which is why I called it Act III. After the mad six years we've had, it feels like all the stories and subplots have led to this record."

Those six years followed the departure of original frontman Tom Meighan, and a period when the band's future was far from certain. But Act III is the sound of a completely assured Kasabian.

The confidence is everywhere – in the songs, in the band and in a live show more thrilling than ever.

Last week, they made history by becoming the first-ever Thursday headliners at Leeds Festival.

Still buzzing from the night, Pizzorno tells me: "Leeds was seriously off the scale.

"The vibes were there from the second we went on. What a way to round off what's truly been our

BY JACQUI SWIFT

greatest summer yet." When we speak, Pizzorno is tired but buoyant following their latest shows and having only recently returned from Japan, where Kasabian played Summer Sonic in Tokyo and Osaka.

"The gigs just keep getting bigger over there," he says proudly.

"The fans understood the band from the start and really respect the art – all the mad moves and intricate details.

"They just get it. The crowds are wild and it feels like things have blown up for us in Japan again, which is amazing."

It was an extra-special trip for the frontman, who took sons Ennio, 16, and Lucio, 13, with him.

He says: "They came back with a load of inspiration. We've been to Japan so many times, but it was beautiful seeing it again through them for the first time.

"You can see their minds opening up and the world becoming smaller. Suddenly, Leicester feels like a very small place."

Back home for a few days, wearing an outlandish Martine Rose shirt plastered with dogs' faces, there's little danger of Pizzorno being an embarrassing dad when it comes to style.

His eldest son is now raiding his wardrobe. "I picked my son up from the park and thought, 'I'm sure I wore that at Glastonbury'.

"They nick my clothes and wear them. It's brilliant."

Family life aside, it's been a huge summer for Kasabian on the live front.

"The shows keep moving forward and getting better," Pizzorno says. "We keep having more ideas and I'm excited about where it can go next.

"Finsbury Park was probably one of the best shows, if not the best show, we've ever done.

"The atmosphere was like a South American football crowd – Boca Juniors or River Plate – mixed with an early rave and pure rock 'n' roll.

"We all came off in this bubble, just going, 'What just happened?' It was magnificent. Life-changing, really. That's exactly why we do it.

"We want people to walk away from our shows with a memory ingrained in their minds for the rest of their lives.

"I think about that one person in the crowd you can reach – that's the job now.

"I've called being a frontman a kind of martial art because every crowd has a different energy.

"My style as a frontman is a kind of hybrid – the late '60s icons like Iggy Pop and Jim Morrison, mixed with Tyler, The Creator and Travis Scott."

"I know what music can do and how great it can make you feel.

"I remember the shows that changed my life – Rage Against The Machine at Rock am Ring; DJ Shadow at Brixton Academy; Kendrick Lamar at Birmingham NEC, which was like a religious experience; and David Byrne, who I saw recently and was unbelievable.

"That hour-and-a-half of our live show is everything, so we'll do whatever we can to make it as good as it possibly can be."

The energy of those huge shows inevitably fed into Act III.

'Inspiration is easy'

Pizzorno says: "Coming off the back of all these big live shows, we knew we wanted to make a record you'd want to hear headlining festivals and playing those huge shows."

The album was originally due to be released in July, before Pizzorno's perfectionism demanded more tweaks

He says: "I'm not going to deny there's a slight madness to it, but that's why I can do this in the first place, so you have to respect it. And the delay has helped.

"We've been able to put more songs out, play them live and let the record build.

"It almost feels like the universe wanted us to delay it – that's what I tell myself."

Impressively, Act III is Kasabian's third album in four years, following 2022's The Alchemist's Euphoria and 2024's Happenings.

"I'm just really inspired," Pizzorno tells me. "I love being in the studio and making music.

"I don't wake up, thinking, 'I've got to make an album'. I find inspiration easy to come by because there's so much of it. The world is full of it.

"Over time, you realise you don't measure things by metrics, streams or tickets, even though they can become hugely important.

"It comes back to making the tunes first, then getting excited about what you can do with them.

"I feel we could put every song from this album into the set. That was the plan – they had to be good enough to make the live show."

The euphoric, psychedelic Hippie Sunshine was the song that kick-started the album.

"I'm really proud of that song – it felt like a pinnacle moment for the record," Pizzorno explains.

"It has that Kasabian DNA but the middle section completely surprises you and it's amazing live.

"It's connecting already, which doesn't always happen with new songs. Vlad took ages – for the first five years, people thought the PA was broken. Now it's huge."

Other album standouts include Great Pretender and electronic anthem Nothing Better Than This, a song title that doubles as the band's mantra right now.

"Great Pretender came in about ten minutes, sitting in the garden with an acoustic guitar," says Pizzorno. Nothing Better Than This is classic Kasabian while Superpowers has this G-funk groove that

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TOP GIGS **PAUL HEATON** – October 29, Utilita Arena, Newcastle. **ROYAL BLOOD** – November 24, The Prospect Building, Bristol. **SUPERGRASS** – April 30, O2 Academy, Leeds. **BADLY DRAWN BOY** – May 29, Neighbourhood Weekend, Victoria Park, Warrington. Tickets for all four, gigsandtours.com.

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takes me back to records I listened to as a kid.

"I've always loved superhero origin stories – plus it gave us an excuse to put Stephen [Graham] in a cape."

Actor Stephen stars in a series of stripped-back promo films for Superpowers, performing the song's lyrics as if they were an audition script.

Pizzorno says: "We've been friends for a long time. For the film, I wanted to use the lyrics almost like a script, as I love those old film audition tapes.

"There are amazing Godfather ones with De Niro just reading, no big production around him.

"I thought it was a beautiful way of making people look at the song differently."

Film influences play a big part in Pizzorno's songs, too.

"I've always been interested in film and cinema," he says. "I was reading a book by *[Oscar-winning screenwriter]* William Goldman on Hollywood and why stories in those great '70s films are so powerful.

"It got me thinking about storytelling and how we all live through stories we believe in.

"David Lynch was a big influence, too. I love putting films on and writing because an image can spark a line or an idea.

"Those little subconscious sparks are what turn into songs."

'In a good place'

The friendship within Kasabian – Pizzorno, bassist Chris Edwards, drummer Ian Matthews and guitarist Tim Carter – is also something Pizzorno is proud of.

He says: "We're in such a good place as a band.

"We're having so much fun, and I think that comes with appreciating how lucky we are to still be doing this after more than 20 years.

"The glue that binds us is humour. We just have a laugh.

"Rob Harvey [*former frontman of The Music, who plays with Kasabian live*] has been a revelation, too.

"We've never been tighter or closer. We are all in a good place."

These days, Pizzorno also prioritises finding a good work-life balance.

He explains: "I've done the whole spectrum of madness – starting work in a French cafe at 5am or not going to bed for three days.

"But now I focus on four or five hours of solid work, then I finish.

"Weirdly, the thing you rebel against when you're younger is what makes you more productive."

Running has also become a big part of his life in the last few years, and this has boosted his mental wellbeing.

He says: "I've done a couple of marathons – I've run Florence and Copenhagen and, at 18 miles, you find out who you really are because you're in agony and you still have to get to the end. I've not been as committed to the training as I would've liked – I didn't respect them as much as I should – but the atmosphere is amazing.

"You hear people's stories about why they're running, sometimes for a family member, and it gets emotional.

"To be around that is f***ing good for you. It's beautiful.

"I would like to do more and really commit. The party days were phenomenal, but I'm in a different phase now.

"But saying that, I still refuse to grow up. I mean, look at me – it's 10am and I've got a dog shirt on!

"I'm at an age where I can't go out and party then perform, and Kasabian's shows mean more to me now than a big night out.

"I want people to leave our shows wanting to start a band or change the world.

"That's what I did after I went to see Oasis at Earls Court in 1995 – they made you believe anything was possible.

"They created belief and dreamers. It made kids think they could do something with their lives and, for that, they deserve total respect.

"I really feel for kids today, with social media, because it's designed to be addictive.

"Once you open that phone, real life can suddenly seem boring. But they need to be bored and to dream – those quiet moments are where your imagination kicks in.

"As a kid, when I sat waiting for a bus, bored – that's when I did my dreaming and made my plans.

"That's when I decided I wanted to be a rock 'n' roll star and write songs."

Having silenced the doubters, I ask how he feels when he sees negative comments about the post-Tom Kasabian and what he would say to the tiny group of critics who still say: "No Tom, No Kasabian"?

He says: "Those comments are just meaningless words that pass through like traffic. We are just focusing on now.

"There will always be critics on social media – that's life – but the way we dealt with Tom going, out of respect for the time with him, was to move on.

"So, we didn't say what we wanted and could have said. If people knew half of what went on, they'd understand.

"We concentrated on making great records, making a great live show, and ignoring what people say because, ultimately, I can't do anything about that.

'Awesome times'

"But I know what I can do – and that's make some great tunes, and put on a great rock 'n' roll show. We've let the music do the talking."

And with the release of Act III, the band's strongest album in years, looking forward is the only way for Pizzorno.

"There's so much to be excited about," he says.

"The arena tour in December . . . there's lots of exciting things going on and exciting times ahead.

"I've had some time now to understand what the album is and by following my instincts and creating music that excites me, Act III is the start of even more awesome times.

"Everything is getting bigger for Kasabian – we are bigger all over the world. I'm feeling positive about what's to come."

ON POINT . . . band frontman Serge now puts their live shows ahead of partying

Photography by NEIL BEDFORD

KASABIAN
Act III
★★★★

'There'll always be critics, but we've let music do the talking'

Q&A

EVERLAST

'I lost my house in LA fire, got divorced, made a record'

AS frontman of hip-hop trio House Of Pain, Everlast (Erik Schrody) enjoyed massive early success, most notably with 1992 debut single Jump Around. Though he made his name as a rapper, the genre-blurring LA-based singer moved into bluesy, soul-searching Americana. His latest solo album, Embers To Ashes, his first in eight years, strikes an intimate, confessional tone as he confronts personal and universal strife while "trying to find some hope in it all". He lends his wonderfully weathered vocals to scene setter Losing Man's Game, on which he decides it's time to "go all in or go home". Here, Everlast tells all to SIMON COSYNS . . .

IT'S eight years since your last solo album, how does it feel to be releasing Embers To Ashes into the world?

Well for a while, I was pretty sure I was retired. After Covid hit, I got used to being at home. Then the real storm. We lost our house in the Woolsey Fire (Los Angeles and Ventura counties). Wound up getting a divorce, had a few other issues medically… and I wound up writing some songs that wound me up with friends in Nashville and we made this record. I had good friends already involved; but made many more in the process, so it's a great feeling to let everyone hear our work.

With 17 tracks, how long did the whole process take?

Once I got to Nashville and locked in with Wolf (Yelawolf, producer), we started writing songs and wrote 14 of the 17 from scratch. That was about three weeks of sessions. Then I went back to LA for a break and to see my girls. Once back in Nashville, I think it was three to four weeks of recording and getting all the songs tracked.

In which ways does it differ from your previous albums?

When I asked Yelawolf to produce the album, he requested I open my mind to the possibility of some co-writers. As a rule, most of my career I've written lyrics alone; so that was a big change and a great experience to learn from each other as writers. David Ray and Chief were also majorly influenced by Whitey Ford Sings The Blues (Everlast's second solo album), so they kind of knew my language and made it easy to communicate ideas.

What would you say are the overarching themes… what was on your mind?

Working through loss and overcoming obstacles we all face in some way. I wouldn't call it a divorce record but it deals heavily in that particular life change. At the same time trying to find some hope in it all.

How autobiographical are songs which have an intimate, personal vibe like Losing Man's Game or Mistaken Identity?

All the songs are incredibly personal. I allowed these few humans access to really know me and that way they could tap in to similar themes and feelings in themselves so everything we did became derived from my story at this moment in time.

You have embraced so many styles/genres, what is your philosophy around making music?

My philosophy on making music is pretty simple; follow your gut and your heart. Coming out of the box in my career with Jump Around set the table for one of two things; I could chase that success for the rest of my life or realise that Jump Around really gave me a freedom to do whatever I wanted.

That's why the second House Of Pain album alone is a completely different sound, as was the last one. Then the Whitey Ford era began and I just never looked back. I've been a lucky man.

Let's discuss My Hollywood and your relationship with the entertainment capital…

I've never been that involved in the Hollywood scene. I don't politic with a lot of celebrities. Outside of my immediate crew/family like Cypress Hill, I don't even hang with a lot musicians outside a tight knit circle.

I have, however, witnessed the story unfold time and again of folks coming into town and getting caught up in the wrong things with the wrong people and that's what My Hollywood is about.

Regarding the song 1987, give us some memories of being a teenager on the west side of the San Fernando Valley?

I really am not sure how to answer this as the entire song is exactly that. Lol. Suburban decay, running out of the store with beer to bring to the house parties, fighting rivals and meeting girls.

It was just the last summer before I got signed which wasn't even a thought yet, so I didn't know it would be the last time I'd see through those particular eyes.

What was it like being a white kid at school with the likes of Ice Cube and Krazy Dee?

Well, there was "bussing" back then where they would send kids to different schools in different areas for the sake of balance and equality, I suppose. It was a white school that they were bussed to.

So if you're asking a fish-out-of-water type thing, that would be for them to answer. For myself, it was the place where I was most exposed to what was the burgeoning black culture of hip-hop. I started writing graffiti and that led to making music.

How inspirational were NWA to you?

I mean they put the West on the map in hip-hop as far as I'm concerned. Their success was inspirational and the music was the bar to match.

Back then though, you didn't aspire to sound like other people. It was considered "biting" and you would get seen about it. You can figure out what that could possibly entail.

Though you were into rap and hip-hop early on in your career, who from the worlds of rock, blues and country/Americana did you love?

Before discovering hip-hop I was big on Sabbath, Zeppelin, AC/DC and the likes. I also loved a lot of the music my father played like Neil Young, Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash and even Cat Stevens, now Yusuf.

EVERLAST
Embers To Ashes
★★★★

NEW RELEASES

ELLIE GOULDING
I Know Too Much

HER sixth album, which she describes as very personal, takes inspiration from major life events including divorce and the birth of her second child.

Black Prada Dress is lifted by soaring strings but the subject matter is disappointment at the end of a relationship.

Electro beats of tracks like Jealousy and her mellifluous vocals are pleasant but don't grab attention.

Despite the attempt at a dancefloor banger with Ravers, the tone throughout the album is rather too samey.

★★★ JS

NATALIE IMBRUGLIA
Algorithm

THE Aussie singer-songwriter is one of pop's survivors.

This, her seventh album, is a spreading of her creative wings. Co-writing and co-producing every track, she embraces experimental synth sounds and a theme of music as therapy.

The title track includes the spooky, robot-voiced Natalie, with shiny synths and Eighties-style beats, while Debbie is ambitious, spacey synth-pop with layered, echoing vocals.

Beautiful Love was written with Snow Patrol's Gary Lightbody.

★★★½ JS

DINOSAUR JR
There Near

FROM the get-go on Several Got Away, the alt-rock survivors' sixth album since getting back together in 2005, confirms that there's plenty left in the tank.

Tick boxes include pop hooks, a squalling J Mascis solo, his yearning vocals and three minutes of tight, driving rock. The following ten tracks aren't too shabby either.

The trio, which also includes multi-instrumentalist Lou Barlow and drummer Murph, are like a fine red wine.

These Dinosaurs just get better with age. More like spring chickens!

★★★★½ SC

JIM JAMES
Wowed Out

AS leader of My Morning Jacket, James can rock out with the best of them.

But his latest solo effort finds him in calm, contemplative mood – his attempt to escape the deafening noise created by the digital age.

Opener Baby Dear is almost like meditation set to music while next song Hands On is a thing of luminous beauty and slow-paced Home (Green) enters ambient territory.

Proof that Jim James is a man of many musical dimensions – all of them captivating.

★★★★½ SC

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TOP 5 FILMS THIS WEEK **1.** Spider-Man: Brand New Day. **2.** The Odyssey. **3.** Insidious: Out Of The Further. **4.** Coyote Vs. Acme. **5.** The Dog Stars
Source: filmdistributorsassociation.com

MAYDAY
(12A) 111mins ★★★

THIS buddy action drama has an explosive start that Top Gun's Tom Cruise would be proud of.

Troy "Assassin" Kelly (Ryan Reynolds) is a fighter pilot in the US Air Force.

Sent on a mission over the Soviet Union, he is forced to eject in an amazing sequence that involves him dodging flying debris while crashing to earth.

Incredibly, he survives and wakes up in the wintry wilderness.

But his troubles are far from over, as this is 1987 and the Cold War is raging.

Luckily, Troy is rescued by Nikolai (Kenneth Branagh), a Russian ex-KGB carpenter who serves him bear meat and beetroot juice in his cabin in the woods.

At first, it all feels a little like Stephen King's Misery, but soon Nikolai reveals himself as a Top Gun superfan, who is also incredible at battling multiple baddies at once. Branagh is superb as the calm and capable killer, but Reynolds sadly lets the side down with a silly one-note performance, which becomes more than a bit annoying. His clothes are distractingly 2026 – and he never has a hair out of place.

But there are plenty of fun stunts to keep audiences amused.

●On Apple TV

GAIL DAUGHTRY AND THE CELEBRITY SEX PASS
(15) 93mins ★★★★

WHO is the one celebrity you would be allowed to cheat on your beloved with?

For Gail Daughtry's fiancé Tom, it's Jennifer Aniston.

Which makes for a hilarious moment when they meet her at a signing of her new "cook" book, which recommends glasses of water.

After catching her man in coitus with Aniston, small-town hairdresser Gail (Zoey Deutch) travels to LA with her best pal Otto (Miles Gutierrez-Riley) to find – and have sex with – her own celebrity pass, Mad Men's Jon Hamm.

She decides it is vital to do so before marrying boring Tom (Michael Cassidy).

But as Gail sets off to find the elusive actor, her suitcase is accidentally swapped with that of some clumsy gangsters, who then chase her while she chases Hamm.

Gail and Otto go on to pick up some waifs and strays around La-La Land, including Hamm's Mad Men colleague, John Slattery.

His performance as a down-on-his-luck actor who pretends not to care about Hamm's fame is superb. Directed by comedy veteran David Wain, this film has other big-name cameos and wild moments that make you gasp, cringe and laugh in equal measure.

Dulcie Pearce AT THE MOVIES

Man who decided weather we could win the war

SKY'S THE LIMIT . . . Andrew Scott, Damian Lewis, *above*, and Brendan Fraser, *top*, in Pressure

LET'S face it, in this country, we love little more than talking about the weather.

And now a film has been made around the subject, with a fascinating insight into how our obsession with what's going on in the sky helped win the Second World War.

It's 1944, right before the D-Day landings, and we meet top meteorologist Capt James Stagg (Andrew Scott), who is highly intelligent and delivers information in flat, informative tones.

He has been brought in to work for General Eisenhower (Brendan Fraser), who tells his fellow bigwigs that Churchill insists Stagg is the best.

FILM OF THE WEEK

Unseen storms

Eisenhower wants to send more than 100,000 men across the Channel for D-Day on June 5.

But having studied the weather patterns in nearby countries, Stagg is convinced that unseen storms are hurtling across the Atlantic, which would mean our men drowning before arriving in Normandy.

Long before satellites, Stagg collates his information using boxes tied to balloons and is deemed a lunatic by fellow meteorologist, American Irving Krick (Chris Messina).

He insists they should push on ahead with the mission on the fifth, as postponing could mean losing the element of surprise.

Krick has been Eisenhower's trusted weatherman for years and stresses that he got it right in North Africa.

But Stagg sighs and says: "This is northern Europe. The weather is different here." He is a man before his time, and watching the introverted Stagg try to explain weather data rather than relying on looking out of the window makes him feel much more modern than his chain-smoking, bullish colleagues.

Adapted from David Haig's 2014 stage play of the same name, the pressure is felt both in the planning room and the sky.

While being more a conversation drama than a war picture, the build-up to the "will they, won't they" of D-Day is often fraught with nerves.

The short, but very powerful, war scenes are also a reminder of the horrors and sacrifices our soldiers endured – and how vitally important this decision was.

There's also clever use of real footage, which really brings it home.

A film that should make us all stop complaining about the weather.

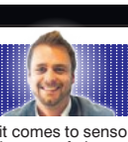
●In cinemas September 9.

PRESSURE
(12A) 100mins ★★★★

FILM NEWS

- THE score to Lord Of The Rings has been voted the UK's favourite film music.
- TOM CRUISE will get back in the driver's seat for Days Of Thunder 2.
- GUY PEARCE has confirmed Priscilla, Queen Of The Desert 2 will start filming next year.

GAMES



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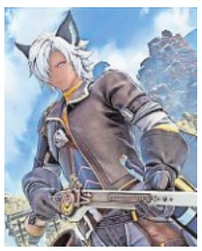
Relink's possibilities are Endless . . .



GRANBLUE FANTASY: RELINK – ENDLESS RAGNAROK
(All formats, £49.99 ★★★★

WHEN it comes to sensory overload, Relink is one of the zaniest, most in-your-face anime RPGs around.

It's a fantastic cluster bomb of colour, and now it offers Endless Ragnarok, an exceptional expansion pack which keeps the title's effervescent energy going.

The base game plus Endless Ragnarok will set you back £50 but, if you already have the original from 2024, it's only £25 for the DLC.

The expansion pack offers new systems and more gameplay modes.

There are six new playable characters, including two bosses from the original. Conflux is a new mode, which has you clearing rooms of nasties and offers access to an upgrade tree called Resonance, which is separate from the main game.

Relink, from Cygames, follows the story of The Captain, Lyria and a colourful crew on the airship Grandcypher. Their quest to reach the legendary Estalucia becomes complicated when the Pilgrims of Avia capture Lyria, forcing the party into a race to rescue her. Endless Ragnarok then adds a new chapter, centred around the mysterious Ragnalia.

It's all very complicated – but true to Relink's madcap style.

The characters are strong, with a welcome return for Katalina, Rackam and Rosetta. This is boosted by a host of unlockable heroes with different combat styles. Experimenting with these different characters and abilities makes for a fulfilling RPG.

Light and heavy attacks combine nicely with character-specific skills.

Endless Ragnarok may seem very Monster Hunter-esque, but its anime artwork and RPG progression give it its own vibe.

Multiplayer allows up to four gamers to tackle quests in co-op mode and the orchestral soundtrack is epic.

All this results in gorgeous, flashy mayhem . . . Endless fun.

BOOKS

Edited by NATASHA HARDING

BIG LITTLE TRUTHS
Liane Moriarty, £22,

PICK OF THE WEEK

THE author's 2014 novel Big Little Lies was a huge hit, as was the TV adaptation.

Now, a decade on, things are about to get messy for the women of Pirriwee.

The school principal has received a human finger in the post, alarming parents. But Madeline, Celeste, Jane, Renata and Bonnie have bigger problems, with health issues, marriage difficulties and a serious threat.

Packed with secrets, tension and plenty of twists, it's a brilliantly written thriller.

★★★★★

HOW TO DO (ALMOST) EVERYTHING
Becky Baines, £25

FED up with kids glued to their screens? This might be just the thing, with 100 skills to learn and master.

From doing the moonwalk to escaping a maze and writing an algorithm, there's plenty to fire up young minds.

The book is split into practical, crafty, outdoor and brainy skills, with 500 illustrations and easy-to-follow diagrams.

It's a visual feast and a reminder that entertainment doesn't always need wifi.

★★★★

THE WICKED GIRLS
Roz Watkins, £20

THE quaint Cornish village of Peneerie is picturesque, or at least it was.

Young girls keep dying there on their 17th birthday. Rumours spread that it is a "suicide contagion", from a curse awoken centuries before.

With her daughter's birthday approaching, Kat is determined to discover what is really going on in the village.

But how far will she go to protect her daughter? And will it be worth it?

This modern novel is a truly chilling and gripping read.

KATY BRIGHT

★★★★★

FREE REIN
Jock Hutchison, £22

JOCK always loved horses and his first pony offered an escape from his difficult home life.

He drifted at school until he joined the marines and became a pilot. However, he was dismissed for smoking cannabis and lost himself until horses called him back.

From that low point, he founded a charity to help people regain hope through working with horses. The charity now works with kids on the edges of communities.

This is a powerful story of failure and second chances.

★★★★

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EASY

8				5	1		2	6
5	2			8				
		4		6	2			5
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						3	5	9
	4	9			7			
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		8					6	3
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TEASER

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TOUGHIE

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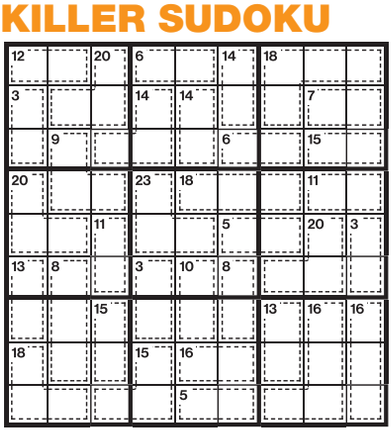
KILLER SUDOKU



The normal rules of sudoku apply. In addition, the digits in each inner shape (marked by dashes) must add up to the number in the top corner of that shape. No digit can be repeated within an inner shape. Solution on right.

TWO-SPEED CROSSWORD

Two sets of clues but the answers are the same

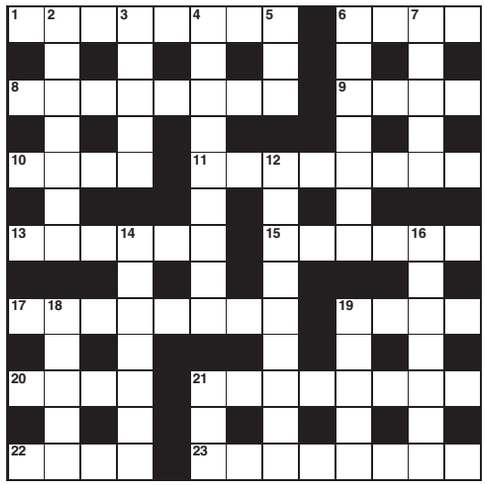
Cryptic

ACROSS

1 Many deliveries by returning favourite transgress (8)
6 The German husband in a rush (4)
8 Prisoner stupid to concentrate (8)
9 Bloke is such a prat, but not completely (4)
10 Travel cost is reasonable, it's said (4)
11 Plastic Man forgetting large work of art (8)
13 Argue a snore is abnormal (6)
15 Tense individual drinking on vacation with European (2,4)
17 Vote in Ronald? I'm slightly negative (8)
19 Perhaps ace vehicle driver's first (4)
20 Stake in canteen (4)
21 I ran hard, staggering sharp-tongued woman (8)
22 Setter, on a ship, eating here (4)
23 Scottish Premier League initially getting Italian football club to fragment (8)

DOWN

2 Break instrument, extremely tense (7)
3 Area of high pressure in cold store initially ignored (5)
4 Kitchen device energised inner poet (3,6)
5 Baked item from Italy exercises hosts (3)
6 Led nice dances in period of deterioration (7)
7 Store in street remains (5)
12 Rogue criminal closed urn (9)
14 Cusses wildly, bored by Charlie's victory (7)
16 Rubbish bin initially in petrol station? (7)
18 Pierce and Charlie blocking road (5)
19 Cold wind on top of northern rocks (5)
21 Owns jumble, mostly (3)



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Coffee Time

ACROSS

1 Go beyond (8)
6 Long element in Morse Code (4)
8 Abridge (8)
9 Crack in skin caused by cold (4)
10 Get on (4)
11 Composition made up of bits of other people's work (8)
13 Cause (6)
15 Nervously excited (2,4)
17 Tiny particle with negative electrical charge (8)
19 Piece of stiff paper (4)
20 Stake in game of poker (4)
21 Nag (8)
22 Where service personnel eat (4)
23 Sliver (8)

DOWN

2 Infringe (7)
3 Long narrow chain of hills (5)
4 Device used to access sealed food container (3,6)
5 Fruit, for example, in a pastry casing (3)
6 Turn down (7)
7 Stow (5)
12 Unprincipled person (9)
14 Prosperity (7)
16 Trash (7)
18 Cavalry weapon (5)
19 Heap of stones (5)
21 Possesses (3)

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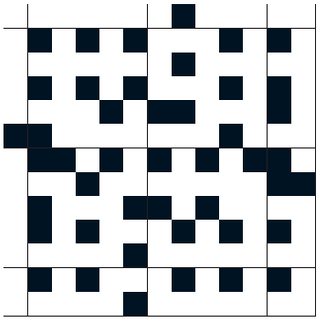
WORDSEARCH

Find seven words associated with karaoke. Words can run forwards, backwards or diagonally.

H	T	O	O	B	C	N
S	H	G	P	Y	J	A
S	C	R	E	E	N	P
O	E	I	L	E	I	A
N	B	I	R	T	A	J
G	S	A	E	Y	L	R
T	I	N	R	S	L	E

KRISS KROSS

Fit the words into the grid. Solution below right.



3 letters
Cos
Egg
Ivy
Lip
One
Pea
Ref
Soy
Spa
Une

4 letters
Duel
Menu
Pupa
Serf
Taco
Tide
Walk
Yogi

5 letters
Enrol
Erect
Final
Ingot
Trunk
Woman

6 letters
Assure
Gasket
Martyr
Petite
Seance
Weepie

7 letters
Entente
Grapple
Gumdrop
Inkwell
Insipid
Nullify
Oration
Spectre

SUGURU®

5				5
4				
	5			
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Each cell in an outlined block must contain a digit: a two-cell block contains the digits 1 and 2, a three-cell block contains the digits 1, 2 and 3, and so on. The same digit must not appear in neighbouring cells, not even diagonally. Solution below right.

THE NAME GAME

EACH clue leads to a well-known name. Put the initials or stated letters in the appropriate squares to identify a footballer:

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9

6 & 3	Mr Fike, who has had top ten hits with Babydoll, White Keys and 3 Nights (second and fourth letters of name)
5	Arthur, who rode a wildcard all the way to the 2026 Wimbledon men's singles semi-finals
9 & 4	His actions led to the demise of Barings Bank in 1995
1 & 8	Mr Serafinowicz, who played Tex in I'm Alan Partridge as well as voicing Darth Maul (first and second letters of name)
7 & 2	"Young British Artist" who created The Physical Impossibility Of Death In The Mind Of Someone Living, a glass-encased shark

Yesterday: Actor MARK HAMILL (Morgan Rogers, Gillian (Taylforth), Muhammad Ali, Keith Lemon, Adam Hart-(Davis)). Another Name Game in The Sun tomorrow.
Can't wait until tomorrow for the answers? Call **0901 293 6298**
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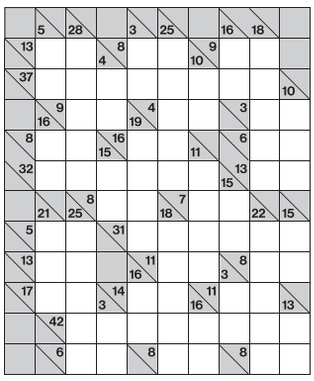
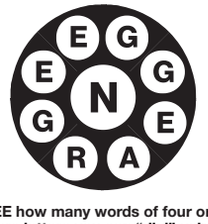
KAKURO



Fill the grid so that each block adds up to the total in the box above or to the left of it. You can only use the digits 1-9 and you must not use the same digit twice in a block. The same digit may occur more than once in a row or column. Solution below right.

SUNDIAL

Brilliant: 17. Excellent: 14. Good: 10. Great kids' score: 8.



SEE how many words of four or more letters you can "dial" using the one at the centre in each word. You can make at least one word using all of them. Don't use the letters more than once in any word. No proper names or plurals ending in 's'. Words from Collins Concise Dictionary. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY: Gloop, lollop, loop, loping, pill, ping, pogo, polio, poll, polling, polo, pong, pool, pooling, LOLLOPING.

30-SECOND NUMBERCRUNCH

Starting at the left with the number provided, work your way across the three lines one at a time, applying all the mathematical instructions to your running total. Don't use a calculator – that would be cheating! Write your answer at the end. Aim to complete each round in about 30 seconds. Good luck! Answers on the right.

EASY **57**	+298	÷5	+247	÷6	+147	÷8	-16	Double it	+190	ANSWER
MEDIUM **140**	÷7	+289	Third of it	-48	÷11	×8	-34	×13	Half of it	ANSWER
HARDER **511**	÷7	+951	5/8 of it	-259	Third of it	+1657	÷8	-58	÷15	ANSWER

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favourite brain-teasers! from Tuesday to Friday

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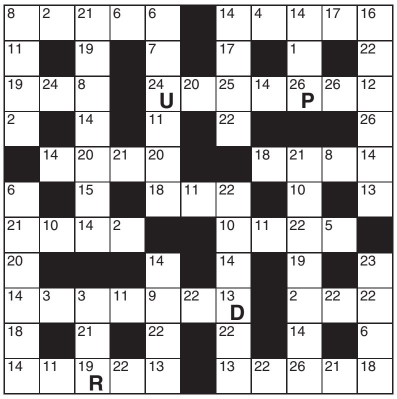
WORD WORKOUT



A B C ~~D~~ E F G H I J K L M N O ~~P~~ Q ~~R~~ S T ~~U~~ V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 D
14	15	16	17	18	19 R	20	21	22	23	24 U	25	26 P

The world's best brain-teaser – The Sun's clueless crossword. Each grid number in our Word Workout game represents a letter. So if you think 5 is the letter E, write E in all the squares with a 5. The whole alphabet is used and we have supplied some letters to start you off. Answers tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: Off, Breadth, Gauze, Tuner, Time, Parson, Pup, Taxman, Jump, Twist, Idler, Royalty, Hay.
DOWN: Ought, Flummox, Beer, Entrap, Den, Heron, Pun, Squelch, Pastel, Tutor, Perky, Wily, Ivy.

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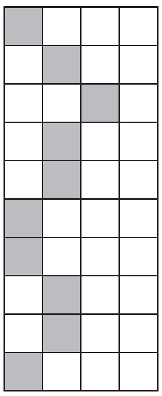
For clues from the last 7 days **CALL** 0905 624 0010. Cost £1 per min plus network charge

MISSING LINK

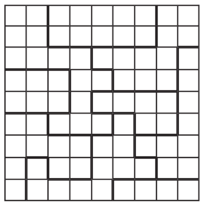
Fit ten words into the grid so each connects with the words on either side, eg wishing – well – done. The letters in the shaded squares spell out a type of footwear (6,4). Solution below.



COAL	SHEET
NATIONAL	COLLECTOR
PEAT	STITCH
LIFE	GROUP
BASS	ROLL
COACH	OVER
RAGING	BAR
TIME	OUT
BLUE	LANDING
STAR	TAIL

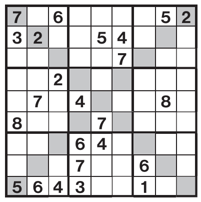
STARS

Put two stars in each row, column and region. Star cells can't touch, even diagonally. Solution below.



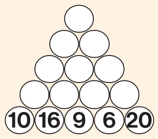
X FACTOR

Normal sudoku rules... but the two main diagonals must also contain the numbers 1-9. Solution below.



ADD UP

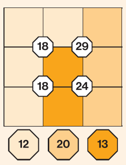
If the number in each circle is the sum of the two below it, what is the top number? Solution below.



BRAINBUSTER

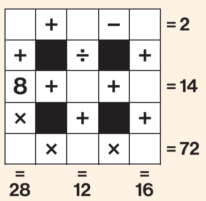
Which former rugby player has a name that is an anagram of ANALOGICAL DWELLER?

SAKURO



Enter the numbers 1 to 9 in the spaces so that the number in each octagon is equal to the sum of its four surrounding squares. Each coloured area should add up to the colour totals at the bottom. Solution below.

SET SQUARE



Place digits 1-9 to make the sums work. Each digit can be used only once. Solution below.

Yesterday's solutions

SunDOKU

Easy

2	5	8	7	6	9	1	3	4
1	7	3	8	5	4	9	2	6
4	6	9	1	3	2	5	7	8
3	8	5	6	1	7	4	9	2
7	2	4	9	8	3	6	5	1
9	1	6	4	2	5	3	8	7
5	4	7	2	9	1	8	6	3
6	9	2	3	4	8	7	1	5
8	3	1	5	7	6	2	4	9

Teaser

6	8	3	1	4	7	5	9	2
1	4	2	5	9	8	7	3	6
5	9	7	2	3	6	8	4	1
8	3	5	6	1	9	4	2	7
4	6	1	7	2	5	3	8	9
7	2	9	3	8	4	1	6	5
2	7	8	4	6	1	9	5	3
9	1	6	8	5	3	2	7	4
3	5	4	9	7	2	6	1	8

Toughie

2	3	1	5	6	7	8	9	4
9	5	7	8	4	3	2	1	6
4	8	6	9	1	2	5	7	3
3	1	4	2	5	8	9	6	7
5	7	9	6	3	4	1	2	8
6	2	8	7	9	1	3	4	5
8	6	5	4	2	9	7	3	1
1	4	2	3	7	5	6	8	9
7	9	3	1	8	6	4	5	2

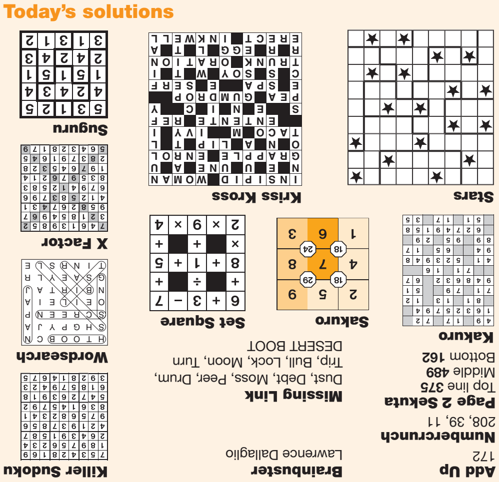
Two-speed crossword

ACROSS: 1 Safe-r, 4 Be-wit-ch, 8 Iv-(t)ories, 9 Ad-i-os, 10 Fast-enin-g, 11 Goo(d), 12 Ny-mp-hs, 14 De-b-u-n-k, 17 Ma-p, 19 Role model, 22 Sal-v-o, 23 Tattier, 24 Staunch, 25 Ru-g-by.

DOWN: 1 S-tiff, 2 F-lots-am, 3 Raise (Ray's), 4 Bosnia, 5 Wr-angle, 6 Thin-g, 7 Has-sock, 12 Nem-esis, 13 Harpo-on(e), 15 (F)und-o-ing, 16 Clutch, 18 (P)polk-a, 20 Meter, 21 (Metal)lurgy.

NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT RECYCLING
The recycled paper content of UK newspapers in 2024 was 34.7%

Today's solutions



Calls for clues & answers last no longer than 2 minutes (Sundial answers may vary). Helpline: **0333 202 3390** (9am-5.30pm). Service provider: Spoke, W1T 4HD

CREST FALLEN

CREST NICHOLSON is heading for a shock £10million loss after home sales tumbled.

The Surrey-based builder said stretched household finances, fierce price competition and stubbornly high costs means it now expects to complete between 1,350 and 1,400 homes this financial year.

However, it is cutting borrowing faster than expected and improved its year-end debt forecast by roughly £30million.

MOVIE MAGIC

CINEMA chain **EVERYMAN** is back in profit after a rise in admissions and ticket prices.

The London-listed group had 2.6million customers in the six months to July 2 — up 20.5 per cent on last year.

Its average ticket price was up 4.1 per cent to £12.97, while filmgoers spent an average of £11.41 on food and drink. Revenue jumped 23.5 per cent to almost £70million. The chain posted a £1.9million pre-tax profit.

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JET2 BID TO FLY HIGHER

Travel giant in market upgrade

By JAMES FLANDERS

JET2 is preparing to soar into the London Stock Exchange's main market after a bumper summer for bookings.

The holiday giant, Britain's biggest tour operator and third-largest airline, said the planned switch from the AIM reflected its growth and increasing scale.

It expects the move from the Alternative Investment Market to take place before the end of its current financial year.

Demand for sunshine breaks has remained strong despite pressure on household budgets. Summer passenger bookings for both package holidays and flight-only tickets are 8.8 per cent ahead of last year.

Jet2 has put 19.9million seats on sale for this summer, up 7.6 per cent. Planes were also fuller by the end of last month, with the average load factor – the share of available seats booked – rising 1.5 percentage points.

Its new Gatwick operation is beating initial expectations, helped by a higher proportion of package holiday customers. The company will offer flights from seven aircraft at the airport next summer as it pushes further into southern England.

Revenue climbed 4 per cent to £7.5billion in the year to March, while the group held net cash of just over £2billion. More than 90 per cent of the UK population now lives within a 90-minute drive of one of its 14 airport bases.

Chief executive Steve Heapy said sustained summer demand had boosted confidence for the rest of the year.

He called the main market switch the "right move", citing Jet2's strong balance sheet, trusted brand and long-term growth opportunities.

8.8% rise in summer passenger bookings

FTSE 100 10,831.52 UP 75.07pts 0.70%

£ $1.35 €1.16

SHARE PRICES

Company	Price	Change
21st Cent Fox Inc A*	4955½	-
21st Cent Fox Inc B*	3369	-
Aberdeen Group*	248¼	+ 5
Anglo American*	4173	+ 39
Assco Br Foods	2054	+ 23
AstraZeneca*	12132	+ 156
Aviva*	723¼	- 8
BAE Systems	1977	- 10½
BP*	539¾	- 2¾
BT Group*	203½	- 0¼
Barclays*	493½	+ 10¼
Barratt Redrow	305¼	+ 0¾
Bco Santander SA	1108	+ 22
Brit Ameri Tobacco	4169	+ 43
British Land	415½	+ 2½
Bunzl	2688	- 26
Burberry Group	1092	+ 16½
Compass	2286¼	+ 33¾
Currys*	152¼	- 0¼
Diageo	1666	- 27
Drax Group	770	- 13½
Experian	2954	+ 78
FirstGroup	177¾	+ 3
Frasers Group	793½	+ 3½
GSK*	1871	+ 9½
Greggs	1851¼	+ 6¼
HSBC*	1561½	+ 16¼
IMI*	3026	- 16
ITV	71¼	+ 1
Imperial Brands*	2524	+ 6
InterCont'l Hotels*	11808¾	- 97¾
Intl Consol. Airlines	426¾	+ 7½
Johnson Matthey	2262	+ 20
Kingfisher	296¼	- 1¼
Legal&General*	292½	+ 5
Lloyds Banking Gp*	112¼	+ 1¾
LSE Grp*	8904	+ 336
Man Group*	305	+ 4¾
Marks & Spencer	387½	+ 3¼
Mitch & Butlers	277	+ 0½
Mitie Group	210¼	+ 0¼
Mobico Group	23¼	+ 0½
Mothercare	1	+ 0¼
NatWest Group*	695¾	+ 9¼
National Grid	1146½	- 1
News Corp A	2274	- 3½
News Corp B	2559¼	- 16¼
Next	15295	+ 120
Pennon*	461	+ 1
Persimmon	1137½	- 0½
Prudential	1031½	+ 28
Rank Group	103	+ 1
Reckitt Benckiser*	5097	- 129
Rentokil*	352½	- 2¾
Rightmove	505	+ 17
Rio Tinto Ltd*	9423¾	+ 139½
Rolls-Royce*	1479¼	+ 10¼
SSE*	2371	+ 12
Sainsbury's	336¾	+ 2¾
Segro*	943¾	+ 0¾
Severn Trent	2982	- 4
Shell*	3431½	- 11½
Smith&New	1054½	- 8
Smiths News	70	+ 0½
Standard Chartered*	2227	+ 23
Tesco	469¼	+ 2¼
The Sage Grp	1070	+ 15
Unilever*	4740½	- 42
United Utilities	1356	- 6
Vanquis Banking Gp	83	+ 1½
Vesuvius*	373¼	- 8¼
Vodafone	122½	+ 3
WH Smith	382½	- 8¾

* = ex dividend

HIGH STREET A BIT LOW

HIGH streets suffered another difficult month in August.

Retail footfall fell 1.7 per cent compared with last year, despite cooler weather tempting more people out.

Figures from the British Retail Consortium and Sensormatic show high streets were hardest hit, with visitor numbers down 3.1 per cent. Shopping centres recorded a smaller 0.5 per cent fall.

Retail parks saw a 1 per cent rise, with families buying essentials and back-to-school goods.Northern Ireland alone recorded strong growth, up 2.8 per cent.

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Sunemployment

Edited by Jane Hamilton

The section that helps you find work

ICE LITTLE EARNER

OUR hottest summer on record has searches for "ice cream van businesses" double in the last three months.

And the number of ice cream van businesses has soared by 64 per cent since 2020, figures from small business insurance provider Simply Business found.

Katy Gathercole launched The Spider-Van in Newquay, Cornwall, shortly after becoming a mother in 2023. She said: "I'd always dreamed of running a dessert business, so an ice cream van felt like the perfect fit."

Bea Montoya, of Simply Business, said: "The growth we've seen in ice cream vans highlights the entrepreneurial spirit that exists in communities across the country and the enduring appeal of a classic British tradition."

LEARN WITH ASDA

ASDA is rolling out its virtual work experience programme to schools across the nation.

The course, which helps develop employability skills such as teamwork, confidence and public speaking, has already run at almost 50 schools in Yorkshire.

The programme also encourages students to tackle real-world sustainability challenges and includes half-termly lesson plans, videos, slide decks and activities.

Emma Brough, Director of Learning at Asda, said: "This programme is designed to showcase hidden careers within retail and give students practical skills they can carry into their future careers."

Interested schools should email earlycareers@asda.uk.

SKILLS . . . store's virtual course

TOP TIPS . . . Biggins

TIME TO CLIMB CAREER LADDER

WITH most of the country now back at work after summer breaks, it's time for the big September reset.

Whether you want to gain a promotion, clock up a Christmas bonus or get into shape for a new role, this month is the ideal time to supercharge your career.

Lee Biggins, founder of job site CV-Library, shares his expert advice on how to get noticed by your bosses . . .

1. **SAY YES TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES: If a task feels daunting or unfamiliar, give it a go as it's how you'll build skills, confidence, tenacity and resilience.**
2. **BUILD VISIBLE AI SKILLS: With many roles exposed to AI, employers want candidates who can use its tools confidently. Spend time completing free courses via platforms such as Google or LinkedIn Learning, adding the certificate to your CV, showing how you've used it.**
3. **CREATE A PORTFOLIO: To stand out from the crowd, begin gathering examples of your best work, which you can present to your boss or other potential employers. It will give interviewers a reason to want to speak to you.**
4. **SHOW YOU'RE SERIOUS: Dress appropriately for the role you are in – and the one that you want.**
5. **START NETWORKING: It's never too early to start connecting with professionals on LinkedIn, attending career events or joining online forums to open doors to potential future prospects.**
6. **VOLUNTEER: It's a great way of gaining experience, making connections and learning skills. If you can tailor your experience, even better.**

ROLE UP . . . volunteers gain skills

Jobspot

CONSTRUCTION firm KIER has 260 roles, including for site managers, engineers and estimators. See jobs.kier.co.uk/jobs/search.

FLYING SQUAD . . . it takes Air Ambulance rescuers on average 17 minutes to reach a patient

Making life-savers mission possible

AIR ambulances are the UK's emergency service in the sky, flying more than 50,000 missions a year.

Typically, they reach critically ill patients within 17 minutes of being called out, helping to save thousands of lives.

The distinctive helicopters form a vital part of the nation's frontline emergency response, yet they receive no day-to-day government funding.

Instead, the country is covered by 21 air ambulance charities, funded almost exclusively by donations – and with the average mission costing £4,748, they are always in need of support.

Next week is Air Ambulance Week, which aims to raise funds and awareness, and highlight the range of jobs on offer.

The most high-profile role is that of the pilot, and each mission needs two – one to fly the helicopter and one to support with navigation. Chris Jestice is a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service Pilot for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Service.

He said: "Before joining, I was working for a UK company called Starspeed, flying royalty and heads of state from locations in the Middle East.

"Although the flying is very different, many of the skills and disciplines you develop as a professional pilot transfer across.

"What attracted me to HEMS was the combination of challenging flying, working closely with a highly skilled team and, most importantly, knowing that the work you're doing can have a genuine impact on people's lives.

"Even when we're not flying, there is still plenty to do.

"We may carry out further training, complete admin tasks, maintain our knowledge by going over some of our manuals, or spend time with the wider team.

"One of the most rewarding parts is seeing the impact the service can have on patients and their families.

"When they come back to visit the base and you hear about their recovery, or how the team helped them at a really difficult time in their lives, it puts the job into perspective and is incredibly satisfying."

AIR TIME . . . Chris is helicopter pilot

James Pusey is Chief Pilot at the Essex & Herts service. He said: "Working as a pilot is exhilarating, but working as a pilot for an air ambulance takes the experience to the next level.

"It's a privilege to be part of a team getting people the help they need in their darkest hours. No two days are the same. With a shortage of pilots internationally, now is a great time to think about a career in this field and there are lots of routes in."

To take on a specialist Helicopter Emergency Medical Services role, you will need previous flying experience – but you can train either by taking a university-based aviation course or a course with a private flight training organisation.

The standard qualification for the role is a Commercial Pilot Licence, ideally in Helicopters, as well as Instrument Rating (Helicopters).

As well as the pilots, there are other crucial jobs that keep the choppers flying, including operations support and safety and compliance monitoring.

Within each charity, there is an even wider range of roles, from fundraising to clinical positions including doctors, advanced paramedics and patient-family liaison.

●You can find out more about roles at theairambulanceservice.org.uk/about-us/work-with-us. For pilot places, see sloane helicopters.com/careers/hems-pilots.

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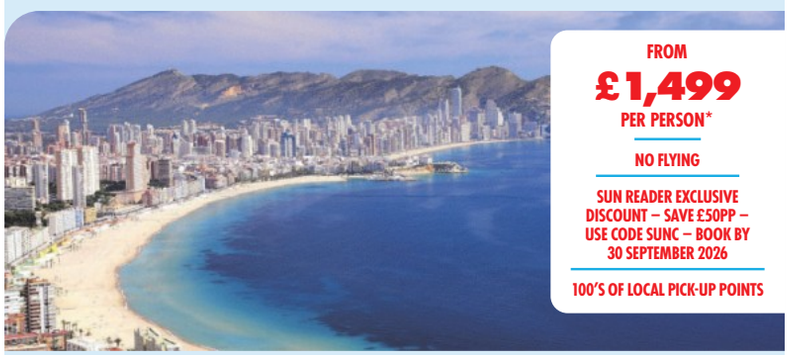

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No1 FOR BOXING

GENDER TAY GAP

FAIRYTAYL FINALE . . . Taylor bows out at Croke Park and (inset) an emotional Hearn

Legend Katie's 'earned more than 99% of men'

KATIE TAYLOR started out pretending to be a boy just to fight — now she earns more than "99 per cent" of the men.

From JACK FIGG in Dublin

The Irish icon brings down the curtain on her glittering, and trail-blazing, career tomorrow night at Croke Park against Flora Pili.

Her amazing journey started when she began boxing – aged 12 – after following her brothers Lee and Peter to the gym.

Due to a lack of female amateur bouts, Taylor went by the name "Kay" and hid her long hair in a head guard to go undetected.

She turned pro in 2016 with Eddie Hearn – after convincing the promoter to sign her – and turned the gender pay gap on its head.

Hearn said: "We've had two, I can't call them arguments, but heated conversations since I signed her.

"No1, she fought in Boston and sold out most of the arena on her own. It was Demetrius Andrade, Tevin Farmer and Katie Taylor. It's the Cindy Serrano fight.

"She came out, place went nuts, and after the final bell most people went home. That was it.

"And the next morning we went for breakfast and she said to me, 'How much did Tevin Farmer make last night?'

"I told her. And it was probably three times as much as she made. She said, 'Do you think that's fair?'

"And I was like, 'No'. But I said, 'That's the world and where we are right now'.

"She's like, 'Well, how can I sell more tickets? How can more people be interested in me? How can more people want to tune in to watch me fight, yet he's making three times the money?'

"I said, 'Because he's a man. And that's what you need to change'.

"And we're on the way. Now she makes more than 99 per cent of male fighters out there."

Taylor, 40, sold out New York's Madison Square Garden in 2022 when she beat Amanda Serrano, Cindy's sister. The pair celebrated historic $1million pay days (about £750,000).

When they fought two years later – with Taylor again winning a controversial decision – the Bray legend pocketed some £4.5m.

To put that into perspective, Hearn paid Taylor about £6,000 for her Wembley Arena debut.

He said: "She still has a go at me about it, six grand for a four-rounder. At the time in women's boxing, that was a lot of money.

"I said to my dad, 'Oh, we're gonna put Katie on last'. He's like, 'What? A women's fight? No one's interested in women's boxing'.

"He watched her debut and was like, 'Oh my God'. And from there, the story's been unbelievable."

Taylor will end her career as a two-time undisputed world champ in two different weights – with a 2012 Olympic gold medal, too.

She aims to sign off by beating Frenchwoman Pili, 29, for all four super-lightweight titles.

Over 80,000 are expected to fill the national stadium – and Hearn added: "I just can't wait to feel it. It will be unbelievably emotional.

"This ring walk's going to be one of the greatest moments in sport."

Snooker stays pot

By ROB MAUL

SHEFFIELD will continue to host the world snooker championship until 2045.

A deal has been signed by the city council and the World Snooker Tour to keep the tournament in its "spiritual home".

Sheffield City Council chief executive Kate Josephs said: "The Crucible and the championship have become inseparable over the past five decades.

"I am delighted we have signed this agreement."

The event will leave the Crucible in 2029 — and possibly 2030 — while a £45million redevelopment is carried out.

ON THE CHARGE . . . Bulls scorer Caleb Aekins

Bradford.....32 Castleford.....22

BRADFORD ended their seven-match Super League losing run in emphatic style.

Riley Dean, Connor Wynne, Caleb Aekins, Daniel Russell, Waqa Blake and Ebon Scurr secured rock-bottom Bulls' first win since July 10.

Louis Senior, Krystian Mapapalangi (2) and Alex Mellor crossed for tenth-placed Castleford, who are now just two points clear of Bradford.

It's Onley a scratch

By HARRY TALBOT

OSCAR ONLEY recovered from a Vuelta crash to keep alive his hopes of securing the White Jersey.

The Scotsman, 23, had to dig deep to finish 12th on Stage 12 to Calar Alto.

With 131 kilometres to go, the Netcompany Ineos star was one of several who slid on a roundabout.

Jakob Omrzel, 20, was the stage winner, while Onley is fifth overall.

In the youth-rider stakes he is first, 30 seconds ahead of Slovenian Omrzel.

Belgian TIM MERLIER won the first sprint finish of the Tour of Britain, taking Stage Two in Skegness.

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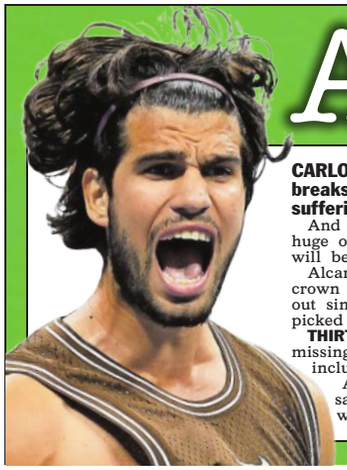

CARLOS ALCARAZ will take "long breaks" from tennis to avoid suffering another serious injury.

And he warned unless there is a huge overhaul of the calendar, there will be more big-name absentees.

Alcaraz, 23, defends his singles crown in New York – yet had been out since April 4 with a wrist issue picked up at the Barcelona Open.

THIRTEEN top male players are missing the US Open through injury, including world No1 Jannik Sinner.

And Spaniard Alcaraz *(left)* says the only way to survive is with enforced rest because it is

From ROB MAUL

"impossible" to play all tournaments. He admitted: "I took more [time off] than I wanted. Seeing how tight the calendar is, obviously I don't want this break because of an injury.

"But in the future, I'm going to take some long breaks.

"Maybe not four months but one month, two months – because it's impossible to play them all.

"They're adding more important tournaments. You can say, 'No'. You can decide your calendar."

On the brutal tour schedule, he added: "We'll be playing for 40 weeks if we play every tournament the ATP requires us to play. So it's impossible and we're now seeing a lot of injured and tired players.

"If they do not do anything about it, we're just going to see even more in the future.

"For me, taking this break because of injury wasn't that good.

"But I'm going to take some breaks in the future, for sure."

The ATP declined to comment on Alcaraz's specific comments.

But last month the governing body of men's tennis issued a response to criticism of the yearly diary of tournaments. The ATP said: "The calendar and format reforms have been developed through extensive consultation with both player and tournament representatives.

"Players have the flexibility to shape their own schedules.

"The calendar must serve the needs of the full player group. From those consistently competing deep into tournaments, to those playing fewer matches and seeking greater opportunities to compete."

No2 seed Alcaraz had looked vulnerable on Wednesday night in a 4-6 6-0 6-3 6-2 win over Portuguese Jaime Faria. He plays China's Wu Yibing in round three today.

SPORTS ROUND-UP: RESULTS & FIXTURES

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ROTHESAY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP - DIVISION ONE

Essex v Sussex

Chelmsford: Sussex 275 (99.0 overs; J A Leaning 60; J A Porter 4-44). and 90-4 (21.1 overs) Essex 177 (58.5 overs; C W J Allison 56; H T Crocombe 5-39).

Hampshire v Warwickshire

The Rose Bowl: Warwickshire 398 (116.0 overs; R M Yates 109, S R Hain 90, D R Mousley 77, K Smith 51; K J Abbott 4-51). Hampshire 74-6 (23.0 overs).

Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire

Trent Bridge: Notts 451-8dec. (99.5 overs; J A Haynes 159, L A Patterson-White 111no). Leics 23-2 (12.3 overs).

Somerset v Glamorgan

Taunton: Glamorgan 194 (59.2 overs; B I Kellaway 51). and 30-1 (6.0 overs) Somerset 441 (109.1 overs; T A Lammonby 95, A M Vaughan 68, J F Thomas 59, J E K Rew 52; M S Crane 4-95).

Surrey v Yorkshire

The Kia Oval: Yorkshire 185 (75.4 overs; T Lawes 4-36) and 82 (28.5 overs; M D Fisher 6-25). Surrey 83 (30.0 overs) and 27-0 (7.4 overs).

DIVISION TWO

Gloucestershire v Derbyshire

Bristol: Gloucestershire 237 (81.2 overs; J R Bracey 113; B G Randell 5-41). Derbyshire 162-2 (44.0 overs; Yousaf Bin Naeem 71).

Kent v Worcestershire

Canterbury: Kent 238 (64.2 overs; D J Bell-Drummond 52). and 197-3 (60.0 overs; S A Northeast 96no, Z Crawley 54) Worcestershire 217 (59.0 overs; D H Lategan 59, A J Hose 50; Hasan Mahmud 4-68).

Middlesex v Lancashire

Northwood: Middlesex 247 (68.3 overs; L B K Hollman 54). and 116-2 (24.0 overs; M D E Holden 50no) Lancashire 151 (48.5 overs; T G Helm 4-40).

Northamptonshire v Durham

Northampton: Durham 205 (56.2 overs; D G Bedingham 81; Y S Chahal 4-36). Northamptonshire 225-7 (76.0 overs; J J G Sales 69, Saif Zaib 52).

CYCLING

LA VUELTA: Stage 12 (Vera to Cetar Alto, 166.6km) - 1 J Omrzel (Slo) Bahrain Victorious 4h 29m 53s, 2 U Berrade (Spa) Equipo Kern Pharma +1m 56s, 3 S Buitrago (Col) Bahrain Victorious +2:13, 12 O Onley (GB) Netcompany INEOS Cycling Team +5:05, 24 F Pickering (GB) Team Jayco-AlUla +8:18. **Overall** - 1 E Mas (Spa) Movistar Team 40h 31m 51s, 2 P Roglic (Slo) Red Bull-BORA-Hansgrohe +1m 45s, 3 F Gall (Aut) Decathlon CMA CGM Team +2:06, 18 Pickering +30m 05s. **Today, Stage 13** (Almuñécar to Loja, 192.8km).

LLOYDS TOUR OF BRITAIN: Stage 2 (Boston to Skegness, 180.2km) - 1 T Merlier (Bel) Soudal Quick-Step 3h 53m 55s, 2 O Kooij (Ned) Decathlon CMA CGM Team at same time. **Overall** - 1 L Askey (GB) NSN Cycling Team 7h 56m 25s, 2 T Wellens (Bel) UAE Emirates-XRG +12s, 3 M Trentin (Ita) Tudor Pro Cycling Team +19. **Today, Stage 3** (Hull to Beverley, 194.1km).

GOLF

OMEGA EUROPEAN MASTERS (Crans Montana, Switzerland): **1st Rnd** (Gbr & Irl unless stated) - **63** A Wu (Chn), **64** T Lawrence (Rsa), N von Dellingshausen (Ger), A Ayora (Spa), T Clements, S Sharma (Ind), **65** E Lopez-Chacarra (Spa), H Hall, N Lemke (Swe), J Paul (Ger), J Yule, **66** P Reed (USA), A Meronk (Pol), D Puig (Spa), A Rozner (Fra), J Lagergren (Swe), J Campillo (Spa), U Coussaud (Fra), M Elvira (Spa), R Cabrera (Spa), I Cantero (Spa), M Steinlechner (Aut), Q Vidal (Spa), R Repetto (Spa), D Bryant (USA).

RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

BRADFORD (26) **32 CASTLEFORD** (4) **22**

Bradford - Tries: Dean, Wynne, Aekins, Russell, Blake, Scurr. Goals: Atkin (4).
Castleford - Tries: Senior, Mapapalangi (2), Mellor. Goals: Weaver (3).

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Leeds	25	20	0	5	884	368	40
Wigan	25	20	0	5	761	419	40
Warrington	25	19	0	6	682	426	38
Wakefield	25	17	0	8	665	460	34
Leigh	25	16	0	9	588	468	32
Hull K R	25	15	0	10	700	461	30
St Helens	25	14	0	11	590	554	28
Catalans	25	10	0	15	509	724	20
Toulouse	25	9	0	16	520	648	18
Castleford	26	8	0	18	448	818	16
Hull	25	7	0	18	440	541	14
Huddsfield	25	7	0	18	455	713	14
York	25	7	0	18	482	759	14
BradFord	26	7	0	19	452	817	14

SNOOKER

BRITISH OPEN (Cheltenham): **2nd Rnd** - S Moody (Eng) bt A Zhang (Chn) 4-3; J Trump (Eng) bt E Slessor (Eng) 4-0; J Higgins (Sco) bt T Thirapongpaiboon (Tha) 4-3; A Hill (Irl) bt X Wang (Chn) 4-2; Z Fan (Chn) bt R Muir (Sco) 4-2; X Zhao (Chn) bt M Holt (Eng) 4-0; Z Long (Chn) bt D Grace (Eng) 4-0; D Gilbert (Eng) bt L Davies (Wal) 4-3; J Lisowski (Eng) bt H Lyu (Chn) 4-1, J Jones (Wal) bt A Zizins (Lat) 4-2, S Moody (Eng) bt J Higgins (Sco) 4-2.

SQUASH

LONDON CLASSIC (Alexandra Palace): **2nd rd, Men** - Ma ElShorbagy (Eng) bt D James (Eng) 2-0. **Women** - A Orfi (Egy) bt Jasmine Hutton (Eng) 2-1.

TENNIS

US OPEN (Flushing Meadows, New York, United States of America): **Men's Singles 2nd rnd** - (2) C Alcaraz (Spa) bt J Faria (Por) 4-6 6-0 6-3 6-2; (21) L Darderi (Ita) bt D Svrcina (Cze) 6-3 6-7 (5-7) 6-4 6-4; K Khachanov (Rus) bt (3) F Auger-Aliassime (Can) 6-7 (5-7) 6-3 6-2 6-2; (24) F Cerundolo (Arg) bt J Struff (Ger) 5-7 7-5 4-6 6-2 6-3.

Women's Singles 2nd rnd - (1) A (Blr) bt Polina Iatcenko (Rus) 6-1 6-1; (24) A Potapova (Aut) bt L Jeanjean (Fra) 6-4 2-6 6-3; (10) A Anisimova (USA) bt L Tagger (Aut) 6-3 3-6 6-1; (8) I Swiatek (Pol) bt N Podoroska (Arg) 6-3 6-2; (25) M Bouzkova (Cze) bt H Dart (GB) 6-2 6-2; (22) M Keys (USA) bt A Bondar (Hun) 5-7 6-4 7-6 (10-5); (13) N Osaka (Jpn) bt K Siniakova (Cze) 6-2 5-7 6-1; (23) E Mertens (Bel) bt M Timofeeva (Uzb) 6-2 7-6 (7-5).

Women's Doubles 1st rnd - (13) S Hunter (Aus) & D Krawczyk (USA) bt D Bennett (USA) & A Esposito Cogan (USA) 6-0 6-3; I Neel (Est) & G Olmos (Mex) bt (11) S Aoyama (Jpn) & C Liang (Chn) 6-1 6-4; (10) E Perez (Aus) & D Schuurs (Hol) bt A Tikhonova (Rus) & R Zarazua (Mex) 6-1 6-3; M Uchijima (Jpn) & X Yu Wang (Chn) bt (15) U Eikeri (Nor) & Q Gleason (USA) 3-6 6-3 7-5; (2) G Dabrowski (Can) & L Stefani (Bra) bt A Detiuc (Cze) & I Khromacheva (Rus) 6-1 6-3.

TODAY'S SPORT

(7.45 unless stated)

PREMIER LEAGUE

Ipswich v Liverpool **8.0**
(Live on Sky Sports Main Event)

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

London City v Man Utd.....**7.0**
(Live on Sky Sports Main Event)

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL

Altrincham v Eastleigh.....

WILLIAM HILL CHAMPIONSHIP

Livingston v Stenhousemuir ...7.30
(Live on BBC Scotland)

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: Watford Women v Burnley Women (7.30).

ENTERPRISE NATIONAL: Altrincham v Eastleigh.

WELSH PREMIER: Briton Ferry v Airbus UK Broughton, Caernarfon Tn v Flint Tn, Cardiff Met Uni v Cambrian United, Connah's Quay Nomads v Haverfordwest County, Holywell Tn v Trefelin BGC, Llandudno v Ammanford.

CRICKET

Sixth Twenty20 International: Namibia v South Africa (Windhoek, 1pm).

County Championship (day 3, 10.30am).

GOLF

Omega European Masters (Crans-sur-Sierre GC, Crans Montana, Switzerland).

MOTOR RACING

FORMULA 1

Italian Grand Prix (Monza).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League (8.0): Hull K R v Huddersfield, Leigh v St Helens, Toulouse v Hull (6.0).

TENNIS - US Open (Flushing Meadows).

US OPEN TENNIS

Harried Harriet's hell in the heat

BRIT TOO HOT . . . ace Dart is KO'd in New York

FRAZZLED Harriet Dart was blown off court by Marie Bouzkova in the stifling New York heat.

The eighth Brit to depart the US Open's two singles draws was bulldozed 6-2 6-2 in 77 minutes by her Czech opponent.

It hit 30C in Queens — and Dart needed a cooling tube and ice packs.

The Londoner, 30, has earned £140,000 for this trip, having come

From ROB MAUL in New York

through three rounds of qualifying. But her serve malfunctioned and she delivered EIGHT double faults.

Dart, who had a coughing fit after her match, said: "I have been a bit under the weather. It was quite warm down there."

Bouzkova, 28, will now play Poland's former champ Iga Swiatek, a 6-3 6-2 winner over Argentine Nadia Podoroska.

Naomi Osaka, the two-time US Open champion, suffered a scare against Czech ace Katerina Siniakova.

The Japan star came out wearing a silver-and-white Nike outfit, with matching silver sneakers, a white jacket and a flowing train-like design.

She lost the second set but earned a 6-2 5-7 6-1 victory.

ASHES PRICE ROW

TICKED OFF

Vaughan joins fans in blast at hike

MICHAEL VAUGHAN has joined the growing anger over the huge hike in ticket prices for next summer's Ashes.

By JOHN ETHERIDGE

Seats in the famously raucous Hollies Stand at Edgbaston for the Third Test against Australia have increased by 43 per cent in four years.

Vaughan, 51, who captained England to their famous 2005 Ashes victory, called the rise "very poor" following a barrage of social-media criticism.

The ticket ballot for all five Ashes venues was opened on Wednesday and, despite the increase, the first four days of each Test are likely to sell out.

With many Tests finishing in only four days, or even three, counties feel the need to cash in as much as possible.

There has already been controversy at the lack of a Test in 2027 north of Nottingham

Current captain Joe Root and former skipper Ben Stokes have both been critical of that decision. Prices are up at all venues but those at Edgbaston have seen the steepest increase.

The cheapest adult ticket for non-Warwickshire members is £115, while a Hollies Stand seat is £165, a rise of 43 per cent from the £115 charged in 2023.

There is also a £2.50 booking fee on every ticket. Spectators often wear fancy dress in the Hollies, which holds 5,900, and mock opposition fielders. Aussie opener David Warner, now retired from international cricket, was a particular target.

Vaughan *(right)* writing on X and attaching a price-rise story, said: "This is really poor."

Edgbaston had a reputation as being a fortress for England – but Australia have won the last two Ashes Tests there.

An Edgbaston spokesperson said: "Our prices for the Ashes are broadly in line with other host venues and major British sporting events, like Wimbledon and the F1 at Silverstone.

"But, like the rest of the country, we're battling increased costs."

Next week's Third Test against Pakistan at Edgbaston has not sold out, despite a reduced capacity due to building works. Prices range from £57.50 to £87.50 for adults.

Around 12,000 tickets have been sold for Wednesday and Thursday, with a 19,000 full house expected on Friday.

Prices at both London Ashes Tests are the highest next summer – but their increases are less dramatic.

The top Lord's prices are £190 (a rise of 2.5 per cent from 2023) and £185 at The Oval (up from £165 in 2023).

And the cheapest adult prices at Southampton's Utilita Bowl are £95.

WONG ON SONG

ISSY WONG bagged her first international five-wicket haul as England secured an ODI series win over Ireland.

The fast bowler *(left)*, 24, took 5-33 as the tourists were dismissed for 165 in the second ODI at Derby.

Despite throwing away four wickets, England made short work of the run chase — with opener Maia Bouchier top-scoring with 45 — to go 2-0 up in the three-match series.

F1 ITALIAN GRAND PRIX

Sunday, 2pm
sky sports

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LEW 'FATE' OVER FERRARI ENGINE NUMBER

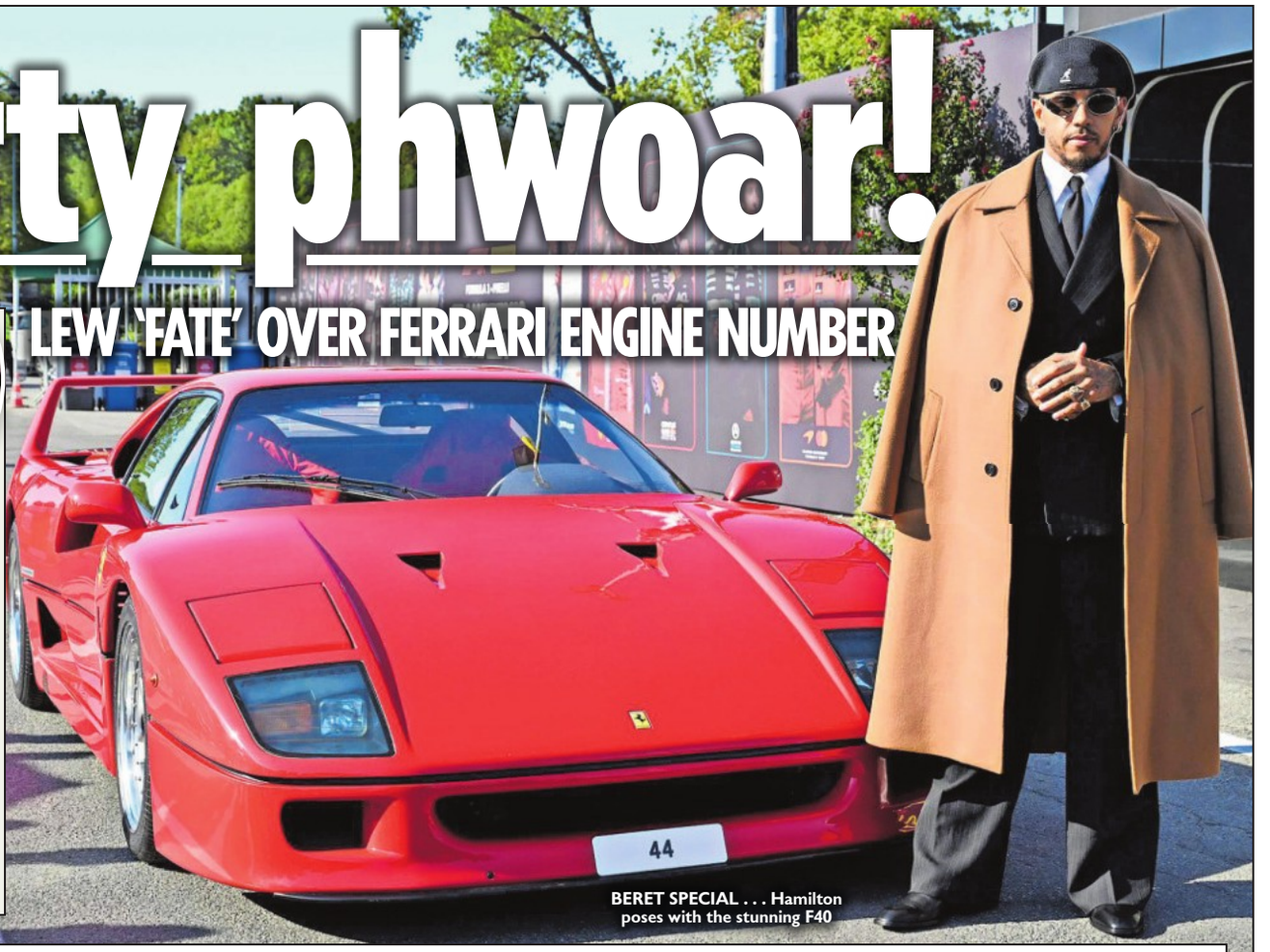
Bringing it foam, Kimi

KIMI ANTONELLI was drenched in foam by his Mercedes team-mates to celebrate his recent 20th birthday.

His mechanics sneaked up on the Italian before smashing froth into his face *(above)*.

Antonelli leads the drivers' standings by 59 points ahead of Brits Lewis Hamilton and George Russell, who are tied for second.

This is Bologna-born Antonelli's home race but he will start at the back of the grid due to an engine penalty.



BERET SPECIAL . . . Hamilton poses with the stunning F40

LEWIS HAMILTON dusted off the cobwebs on his own £6million Ferrari F40 ahead of the Italian Grand Prix.

The seven-time world champion rocked up at Ferrari's home race in Monza at the wheel of an uber-cool supercar he bought this year.

Twelve months ago Hamilton revealed he had sold his £13m car collection to focus on his new passion – art – but said at the time the F40 retained a special place in his heart.

And when he found his official F1 racing number 44 had been etched into the vehicle, he felt his expensive purchase was "fate".

Hamilton, 41, revealed: "I had been looking for an F40 for a while and wanted one with low mileage.

"I wanted one with a story. Lots have come up in auction over the past couple of years – just not particularly special, or maybe the paint has been redone or something like that.

"I wanted to find the most authentic one and came across this.

"The owner had bought it, drove it 69km from Maranello to his home, parked it and never started it again.

"The passenger door had never been opened so it just had this cover on it and all this dust."

From ISABELLE BARKER in Monza

Yesterday a suited-and-booted Hamilton posed next to the bright red car in a beret and sunnies – recreating an image from his Ferrari unveiling in January last year.

During his first visit to their Maranello base, Hamilton had been pictured next to a similar F40 outside Enzo Ferrari's house as he put 12 years at Mercedes behind him.

In production from 1987 to 1992, just 1,315 rolled out of Maranello's famous factory. And one particular feature stood out.

Hamilton revealed: "What was crazy is when they took the car apart to check it, it's got No44 stamped on the engine.

"I couldn't believe it, I was like 'you've got to be lying' so it feels very much like fate."

So it was appropriate Hamilton had number plate 44 fitted as he drove into Monza.

He arrives joint-second with George Russell in the drivers' standings – 59 points adrift of Kimi Antonelli.

Hamilton is in a happier place than before last year's race – when he was still seeking his first Ferrari podium – having triumphed at Barcelona in June. He will pay tribute to Michael Schumacher by wearing a one-off racesuit this weekend to complement a special design for his F1 car.

Keeping Ferrari's red design, Hamilton's overalls feature white stripes down the front, the arms and across the shoulders.

Seven stars were added to the upper back to represent the German's seven world championship titles.

Hamilton said: "I haven't seen the livery dedicated to Schumy yet but the seven stars we'll have, like mine, give me a good feeling.

"I remember the Sundays with the F1 starts, the theme song that started the show – The Chain by Fleetwood Mac. It was great to see Michael in red.

"I chose his character when I played computer games. Now I have the chance to live that experience like him."

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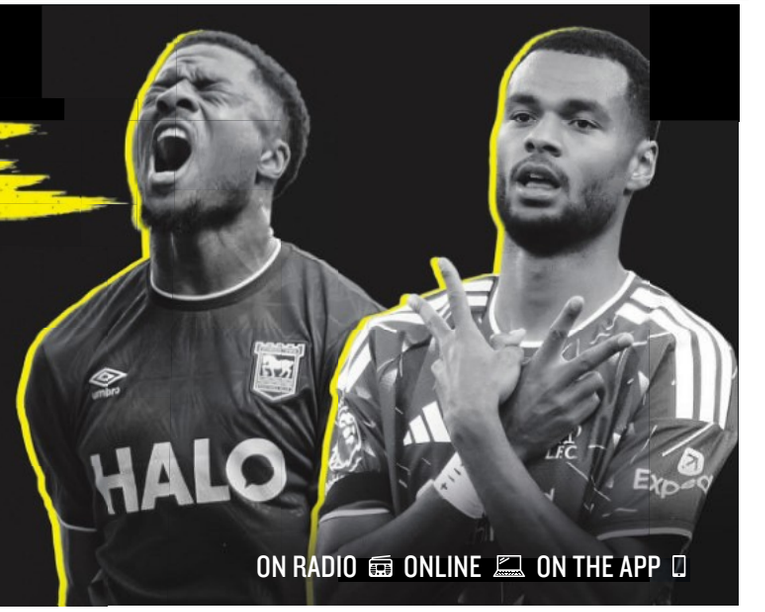
SWANSEA VS WREXHAM — TOMORROW 20:00 K.O talkSPORT2



ON RADIO ONLINE ON THE APP

WSL NEW SEASON STARTS TONIGHT

ARSENAL

MANAGER: Renee Slegers
CAPTAIN: Kim Little
SUMMER SIGNINGS: Georgia Stanway *(right)*, Selina Cerci, Geraldine Reuteler, Ona Batlle, Lisa Baum, Isabella Damm, Misa Rodriguez
SUN TIP: Title challengers

ASTON VILLA

MANAGER: Natalia Arroyo
CAPTAIN: Rachel Daly
SUMMER SIGNINGS: Kamilla Melgard, Amalie Vangsgaard, Justine Kielland, Emily Ramsey, Mathilde Harviken, Akane Okuma, Soffia Kelly
SUN TIP: Mid-table finish

BIRMINGHAM

MANAGER: Amy Merricks
CAPTAIN: Millie Turner *(right)*
SUMMER SIGNINGS: Millie Turner, Lisa Naalsund, Jade Rastocle, Katie Startup, Suzu Amano, Sophie Baggaley
SUN TIP: Bottom-half finish

BRIGHTON

MANAGER: Arturo Ruiz
CAPTAIN: Maisie Symonds
SUMMER SIGNINGS: Eleanor Heeps, Nadia Krezyman, Emilie Joramo, Lia Walti, Sophie Peskett, Emily Murphy, Gabby George
SUN TIP: Mid-table finish

CHARLTON

MANAGER: Karen Hills
CAPTAIN: Kiera Skeels
SUMMER SIGNINGS: Paula Partido (loan), Ashleigh Neville, Lorena Azzaro (loan), Leah Davidson, Anna Koivunen, Grace Johnson, Emily van Egmond, Keira Flannery
SUN TIP: Relegation battle

CHELSEA

MANAGER: Sonia Bompastor
CAPTAIN: tbc
SUMMER SIGNINGS: Katie McCabe, Manaka Matsukubo, Melvine Malard *(right)*, Nelly Las, Giulia Dragoni
SUN TIP: Title challengers

CRYSTAL PALACE

MANAGER: Jo Potter
CAPTAIN: Aimee Everett
SUMMER SIGNINGS: Sierra Enge, Teyah Goldie (loan), Bethany England, Lexi Lloyd-Smith, Shannon O'Brien, Molly Bartrip, Shanade Hopcroft
SUN TIP: Relegation battle

EVERTON

MANAGER: Scott Phelan
CAPTAIN: Megan Finnigan
SUMMER SIGNINGS: Hannah Cain, Hannah Blundell, Holly McNamara, Jutta Rantala, Naomi Layzell (loan), Hannah Silcock, Zara Kramzar
SUN TIP: Bottom-half finish

LIVERPOOL

MANAGER: Gareth Taylor
CAPTAIN: Grace Fisk
SUMMER SIGNINGS: Vivien Endemann, Sara Agrez, Mari Ward, Khiara Keating *(right)*, Mao Itamura, Natalia Ramos
SUN TIP: Mid-table finish

LONDON CITY

MANAGER: Eder Maestre
CAPTAIN: Alexia Putellas
SUMMER SIGNINGS: Mary Earps, Nicole Anyomi, Janni Thomsen, Alexia Putellas, Mapi Leon, Kadidiatou Diani, Rosa Kafaji, Daniela Arques
SUN TIP: Top-three challengers

MAN CITY

MANAGER: Andree Jeglertz
CAPTAIN: Alex Greenwood
SUMMER SIGNINGS: Beth Mead *(right)*, Niamh Charles, Carlotta Wamser
SUN TIP: Title challengers

MAN UNITED

MANAGER: Eva Olid
CAPTAIN: Maya Le Tissier
SUMMER SIGNINGS: Andrea Medina *(right)*, Janina Leitzig, Monica Jusu Bah, Rebeca Bernal
SUN TIP: Mid-table finish

TOTTENHAM

MANAGER: Martin Ho
CAPTAIN: Drew Spence
SUMMER SIGNINGS: Shekiera Martinez, Caitlin Dijkstra, Kirsty Hanson, Victoria Pelova, Alice Sombath *(right)*, Selma Panengstuen
SUN TIP: Mid-table finish

WEST HAM

MANAGER: Rita Guarino
CAPTAIN: tbc
SIGNINGS: Katie Zelem, Constance Picaud, Laia Codina, Nadine Riesen, Sienna Wareing, Niamh Peacock, Ebony Salmon, Estelle Cascarino, Kelly Gago
SUN TIP: Bottom-half finish

THE MANE ATTRACTIONS . . . London City Lionesses' Putellas, Earps and Geyoro

Kang buster

LONDON OUT TO UPSET ELITE

LONDON CITY LIONESSES are trying to shake up the Women's Super League and striker Isobel Goodwin is already targeting major silverware.

EXCLUSIVE by EMILLIA HAWKINS

The Bromley-based outfit were only founded in 2019 and finished sixth in their first season in the top flight.

They have spent big this summer, thanks to investment from billionaire owner Michele Kang, notably signing two-time Ballon d'Or winner Alexia Putellas, 32, from Barcelona.

Four of her Barca team-mates – defenders Mapi Leon, 31, and Jana Fernandez, 24, winger Lucia Corrales, 20, and midfielder Maria Perez, 24 – also joined along with 33-year-old former England keeper Mary Earps.

London City, who kick off the WSL season at home to Manchester United tonight, are fourth favourites to win the title behind reigning champions Manchester City and big-hitters Chelsea and Arsenal.

Goodwin, 23, told SunSport: "We want to qualify for the Champions League this season, then one day go on to win the WSL.

"We also want to win the Champions League. We have a lot of targets and hopefully we can achieve them.

"If I've got a good team around me, we can achieve good things."

The arrival of Putellas, who was named the best player in women's football in 2021 and 2022, is one of the biggest transfers in WSL history.

The Spain midfielder comes in following 14 years in her homeland where she won **38 TROPHIES** and scored more than 200 goals.

Putellas will earn around £1million a year including bonuses, the second highest wage in the division behind City striker Bunny Shaw, 29, who signed a new bumper contract this summer. Goodwin, who has been with London City since 2024, added: "She's great. Everyone knows how much of a great player she is. She brings that leadership as well.

"I'm looking forward to playing with her this season. She's also just a really nice girl, really down to earth.

"We're really getting on as a team. There's such a togetherness between us. It's only been three weeks but hopefully it will prove in the league."

Goodwin believes the introduction of so many world-class stars will make her a better player.

She said: "You want to become the best player, so improving with world-class players next to you is only going to make you better.

"I want to be the best player that I can become – with the help of those players, hopefully, I can."

Reflecting on how the club has grown over the last two years, Goodwin said: "There's been so much change but it's for the best.

"Just bringing in all these players is going to prove we can push on.

"It's been a journey and I love being a part of it. I've enjoyed every moment of it.

"To compete in the WSL at the highest level and with the best players around me, hopefully we can achieve some great things."

ROARING TO GO . . . Goodwin and Kang (right)

OLID . . . new boss

Eva: Utd back our women

By KATHERINE WALSH

EVA OLID says Manchester United's board ARE still backing the women's team — despite chiefs believing that transfer spending is unsustainable.

The Red Devils boss, 41, replaced Marc Skinner who resigned last month in frustration at Ineos' refusal to fund big-money transfers to focus on academy development.

Spaniard Olid takes charge in the Women's Super League for the first time when United travel to London City Lionesses in tonight's season opener.

Ex-Hearts coach Olid brushed aside fears over squad investment, saying: "The club are committed. It's not about spending crazy money on players.

"It's about spending money on players, staff and infrastructure. We have plans in January to sign players I really need for my style of play.

"We want to invest, but in everything, not just on new players. It's important we have the right staff, the right coaches."

United co-owner Sir Jim Ratcliffe had previously admitted his main priority was the men's team.

So, while the Red Devils tightened their purse strings, rivals Arsenal, Chelsea and Manchester City splurged on big stars.

United only signed four players for about £600,000 and let Melvine Malard go to Chelsea for a club-record fee of around £850,000. Leah Galton and Millie Turner have also left.

London City, only in their second WSL season, brought in two-time Ballon d'Or winner Alexia Putellas and former United and England No1 Mary Earps — both on free transfers.

OPENING FIXTURES

Tonight
London City Lionesses v Manchester United (7pm)
Tomorrow
Chelsea v Aston Villa (12.30pm)
Sunday
Brighton v Arsenal (12pm)
Charlton v Liverpool (2pm)
Crystal Palace v Everton (2pm)
Manchester City v Birmingham (2.30pm)
Tottenham v West Ham (12pm)

Jack Rosser

OUR COLUMNISTS ARE THE TALK OF SPORT

CHERKI'S COOKING

He's serving up a treat

FAN-TASY FOOTBALL . . . City maverick Cherki gets bums off seats — as do Chelsea's trio of Palmer, Rogers and Pedro (below)

AFTER a season of enduring Arsenal bludgeon the Prem with set-pieces and long throws, we may be in for a timely treat.

It is easy to go into a new campaign following the biggest-ever World Cup with a touch of weariness.

But, away from the Emirates at least, it feels as if the top flight has rejected the champions' death by a thousand corners doctrine in pursuit of the great entertainers.

An opening fortnight spent watching Chelsea's new all-singing, all-dancing front three – as well as Manchester City's Rayan Cherki dancing through Crystal Palace – would suggest so at least.

It is a welcome and much-needed change from a season which, while impressive from Mikel Arteta's men, did little to get the pulse racing.

Cherki, especially, appears happy to play the role of maverick for a new era at the Etihad and across the Premier League as a whole.

With legend Pep Guardiola's departure, dugouts across the league are seriously lacking in proper personalities, especially across the biggest clubs.

Oliver Glasner and Roberto De Zerbi are outliers but are unlikely to be battling it out for the title.

The Premier League needs people to sell the story as well as the football.

And, this season especially, that task seems to have returned to the players.

If new City manager Enzo Maresca is to make a success where others have failed in following an icon, he needs figures like Cherki to light up this new era.

The Frenchman has already done so with two late assists against Bournemouth on the opening day.

Then, a brilliant double to snuff out any hope of a Crystal Palace revival at Selhurst Park.

Cherki has a flash of marvel about the way he plays – a direct contrast to the paint-by-numbers approach of so many modern coaches – and has the potential to be a Prem poster boy before long.

Joining him will be Iliman Ndiaye, one of the most eye-catching dribblers in recent years who can change the game with one drop of the shoulder or shift of pace.

The only real concern we should all have is Maresca suffocating the life out of their game – as he did at times with Cole Palmer.

Having become Chelsea's own talisman under Mauricio Pochettino, Palmer's form visibly fell off while working with Maresca . . . even before his troublesome groin injury.

And there was a subtle dig from Palmer himself following the Blues' rip-roaring opener at Fulham, discussing how he would never have put in such a performance before because of strictly-imposed 'safe zones' under former coaches.

Guardiola never had much patience for a maverick but learned the value of someone like Cherki late on in his decade in Manchester.

Let us hope Maresca will heed the same lesson.

Xabi Alonso has certainly embraced the unknown with his front three of Palmer, Morgan Rogers and Joao Pedro.

All three are different but can deliver something special.

As well as sticking it to fans of his old club Brighton after his goal in Sunday's 4-3 win, Pedro was full of samba spirit at Stamford Bridge as he threw in some nutmegs and a few flicks to get bums off seats.

Chelsea are leaky as hell early on but certainly worth the entry fee.

Bradley Barcola, Liverpool's new £123million man, is expected to make his debut at Ipswich tonight.

He brings real pace and the ability to turn to the unexpected to beat a man.

Arsenal are the only big club not to have gone down that route this summer, much as they may have wanted to in pursuing Rogers and then Vinicius Jr.

But the Gunners know what works and have renewed confidence in their master plan following title glory.

That much was evident in Bukayo Saka thumping the golden Prem badge on his sleeve when celebrating his winner at Aston Villa.

Arsenal know they do not need to change drastically to keep marching on – it is down to everyone else to stop them.

And we should all be grateful that so many clubs have landed on big-ticket tricksters to try to do it.

FERNANDEZ . . . big risk

Petty Enz to chapter

MANCHESTER CITY'S call to spend £125million on Enzo Fernandez is, without doubt, a huge risk.

But respect has to go to the Argentine for using his unveiling to aim a blatant dig at Chelsea by saying he had realised a dream of playing for a "big club".

Too many players have apologetically moved this summer, offering up soppy farewells to fanbases they are turning their backs on.

Fernandez clearly revels in playing the villain and we do not have enough of that.

Credit must also go to City chief Enzo Maresca for stubbornly refusing to name Chelsea in interviews, only saying his "former club".

It is wonderfully petty, just like when he stopped wearing club-branded gear when it was all falling apart at Stamford Bridge.

Ref takes the Mik

SO it turns out Mike Dean is a bit of a wally?

Who knew?

The former Premier League referee — never shy of putting himself in the middle of any story — admitted he used to play little games during matches to entertain himself, such as not blowing his whistle for 25 minutes.

And this is the fella who used to regularly be appointed to the biggest matches week in, week out.

Did he care about making sure the games were played to the highest standard?

No, he just wanted to appear a bit of a lad.

For all that VAR and inconsistencies are a big frustration, spare a thought for refereeing bosses having to deal with self-centred buffoons like Dean.

Boss Ever so clever

EVERTON'S ownership made themselves tremendously popular this week by managing to bungle the end of their transfer window in spectacular fashion.

They were forced to abort the £40million sale of teenage starlet Harrison Armstrong amid fan fury.

If ever there is a Prem manager you do not want to take on in this sort of situation, it is David Moyes.

The Scot is adept at whipping fanbases into a frenzy when he wants to.

Having been under a bit of pressure at the end of last season, he has now found the perfect cause to rally fans behind him.

Off the field, it just feels like one mistake after another in the blue half of Merseyside right now.

GLASNER . . . hot seat

Glas has clear aim

By GRAHAM HILL

OLIVER GLASNER intends to inject some stability at Nottingham Forest.

Glasner, owner Evangelos Marinakis' FIFTH boss in a year, insists all that change made life harder.

Glasner said: "The most important thing is getting stability into, not just the club, but into the team. There will be a shared way of how we want to play.

"This is not blaming anyone — but it's not that easy when you have four different bosses.

"You need time to adjust, but when you have, the next one comes in with another way."

Forest host Tottenham tomorrow looking to build on last Saturday's 2-2 draw at Liverpool.

Glasner, 52, added: "My feeling was the Liverpool performance showed for the first time an understanding in how we want to play."

Sport

CARLOS QUEIROZ has been named as Ghana boss – less than two months after quitting.

Sir Alex Ferguson's ex-No2 stepped down as the Africans' gaffer following their last-32 World Cup exit in July.

SHORT

Jakirovic deal lift

By GARY STONEHOUSE

HULL wrapped up another deal — a new contract for boss Sergej Jakirovic.

The Bosnian, 49, led the Tigers to Prem promotion and then signed EIGHTEEN players this summer.

Jakirovic's men have won their first two top-flight games and he was rewarded with a new deal thought to run until 2029.

Ahead of hosting Aston Villa tomorrow, Jakirovic said: "I'll sign very soon. It's an easy decision."

To add to the feel-good factor, SIX Hull players also signed extensions.

John Egan and Matt Crooks get two-year deals with a 12-month option.

Charlie Hughes, Regan Slater, Mohamed Belloumi and Oli McBurnie have signed until 2029.

Meanwhile, Jakirovic says loan signing Robinio Vaz, 19, is doing "OK" after suffering "abhorrent racist abuse" on X.

Sport

LEEDS defender Joe Rodon is out for up to ten weeks with a hamstring injury.

The Wales star, 28, limped off in the first half of Sunday's 1-1 Premier League draw at home to Brentford.

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PREM SPURS' NEW GIZA

He Sphinx Omar is 'scary'

MIDO BACKING FOR EGYPTIAN

HOT TO TOTT . . . Marmoush, signed on an initial loan, will inspire Spurs, claims Mido

THE MIGHTY MOUSH

MARMOUSH'S SENIOR CAREER

	GAMES			GOALS		
2015-17	Wadi Degla	18	3	2023-25	Frankfurt	67	37
2019-23	Wolfsburg	48	6	2025-26	Man City	62	16
2020-21	St Pauli (loan)	21	7	2026-	Tottenham	1	0
2021-22	Stuttgart (loan)	21	3	2021-	Egypt	55	11

MIDO AT SPURS

Signed: JAN 28, 2005 (loan)
AUG 29, 2006 (permanent)

Games	Starts	Goals
61	35	19
Assists	Win rate	Left:
6	51	AUG 16, 2007

MIDO FOR EGYPT

2001-09	Games	Goals
	51	19

MIDO knows a good Egyptian player when he sees one.

EXCLUSIVE by TOM BARCLAY

And in Omar Marmoush, the former Tottenham striker reckons his old club have landed the "scary" forward they have been crying out for.

Compatriot Marmoush joined Spurs on a season-long loan from Manchester City last month, with an obligation to buy next summer for £60million.

Mido is thrilled his former side have landed the 27-year-old – but told boss Roberto De Zerbi that the attacker is best used at No10 or as a winger, rather than centre-forward.

Speaking exclusively to SunSport, ex-striker Mido said: "Omar is exactly the type of player Tottenham need.

"Hungry, brave, has a great knowledge of the game, used to the pressure and knows how to use it as a weapon.

"He knows how to score goals and has already proved that.

"His timing when running in behind defenders is scary, if he gets the right passes.

"His best position is a No10 and a left-winger. He is not great playing with his back to the goal. I'm sure the manager realised that."

De Zerbi was asked last week where he saw Marmoush's best role and he suggested centre-forward or No10, rather than out wide. Marmoush made his debut up top in last week's disappointing 2-0 home defeat to Newcastle, and could be deployed up there again tomorrow against Nottingham Forest.

With Richarlison's future in severe doubt, having been left out of the 25-man Premier League squad amid interest from Turkey ahead of their transfer deadline today, the likelihood is Marmoush will be used as a central striker on a regular basis.

Regardless, Mido is just delighted Spurs have signed him – two years on from recommending Marmoush to the North Londoners.

Mido begged his old club to go for Marmoush when he was at Eintracht Frankfurt in April 2024, believing the forward to be the ideal fit for the system of then-boss Ange Postecoglou.

The ex-striker, who scored 19 goals in 61 appearances for Spurs between 2005 and 2007, wrote on X: "Years ago I advised Spurs to sign Salah when he was at Basel, they never listened to me.

"Now I'm telling you plz go for Marmoush, he will be a great signing, will fit in perfectly in Ange Postecoglou's system as a left or right winger.

"Hard worker, top professional and can score goals . . . pls Daniel Levy sign Marmoush from Frankfurt."

Asked about his recommendation two years on, Mido said: "When I see a top Egyptian player, I always think about Tottenham. It was the case with Salah years ago when he was still at Basel and the same with Marmoush when he was in Germany.

"I love the club and I always want to help Tottenham. When I see a top player that can do well at Tottenham, I always say it.

"Omar has the potential to be one of the best in Egyptian football history."

Marmoush was one of **TEN** arrivals at Spurs over the summer, including deadline-day captures Mykhailo Mudryk and Tosin Adarabioyo.

Including the £60m Spurs will pay City for Marmoush, they spent close to £400m, though they did rake in a pretty penny in sales too.

Ex-Middlesbrough man Mido added: "It's been a great transfer market for the club and we have a great manager now. We only need to believe in ourselves and start winning some games!

"Spurs has the squad and the manager to be top half of the table.

"You can't be fighting relegation for a couple of seasons and talk about Europe. We have to be realistic."

RICHARLISON . . . out

No Rich pickings in squad

By TOM BARCLAY

RICHARLISON has been left out of Spurs' 25-man Premier League squad — as the club prepare to sell the Brazilian.

The striker, wanted by Trabzonspor, is not part of Tottenham's plans this season — despite being their top scorer last term with 11 league goals.

According to Spurs sources, he was informed of the decision before Tuesday's Prem transfer deadline, so he could have the option to leave if a suitable offer came in.

Tottenham had signed off on a £35million fee with his former club Everton but personal terms could not be agreed.

Richarlison then took to social media to hit out at Spurs, vowing to "NEVER AGAIN" have anyone decide his future for him.

He said he wanted to return to his "beloved" Everton but, due to negotiations happening "only in the way certain people wanted", the switch was off.

And that "despite this turmoil, I am under contract at Spurs and will remain at the club's disposal".

Richarlison is subject of interest from Turkey, with Mo Salah's new club Trabzonspor keen.

Turkey's transfer window shuts tonight, while the Saudi Pro League can still bring in players until October 12.

Richarlison, 29, started Spurs' opening 3-0 defeat at Brentford but was not in the squad for Saturday's 2-0 loss to Newcastle.

Boss Roberto De Zerbi revealed after that game the 54-cap Brazil ace had said "too many times he wants to leave".

Meanwhile, long-term injury absentees Dejan Kulusevski and Xavi Simons are in Tottenham's Premier League squad.

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very interested — and talking about it right now.

"You're the first one to know that. There's a little exclusive."

Jackman's mother Grace was raised in Norwich and lives in Norfolk.

And he hinted he could join acting pal Ryan Reynolds — Wrexham's famous co-owner — in football's Hollywood revolution.

He said: "Good on Ryan, you do your thing. I'm all about the Canaries."

Majority shareholder Attanasio hopes to take Norwich back to the Prem after a four-year absence.

Former TV chef Smith, 85, still owns ten per cent of the Canaries.

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ARSENAL, CEO AIM

GUNNER KICK ON . . . chief exec Garlick (below) is desperate to build on title glory

GARLICK BREAD

Splash cash, build a dynasty

ARSENAL are on a mission to create a "dynasty" which will see the Premier League champions take over English football.

The Gunners tasted title glory for the first time since 2004 – then spent £164million on Bruno Guimaraes, Ezri Konsa and Christos Tzolis.

Fans are frustrated the club did not splash more cash this summer after failing to land superstar attackers Vinicius Jr or Julian Alvarez.

Arsenal banked £114m, with Gabriel Martinelli joining Saudi side Al-Hilal in a club-record £60m deal yesterday.

Leandro Trossard, Gabriel Jesus, Christian Norgaard, Jakub Kiwior and Karl Hein have also exited.

Now chief executive Richard Garlick is determined to build on last season's success ahead of a bright future.

Garlick said: "I dream of us being serial champions, of us repeating what we did last year and going one better, maybe, in the Champions League.

"This is a period of dominance. You could call it the start of a dynasty. We are aiming to dominate football on every level for the next few years."

Garlick is a hugely respected figure in football having arrived from the Premier League in 2021 before being appointed chief exec last year.

By CHARLIE WYETT

Speaking to the Men in Blazers podcast, he said: "The ambition has always been there. We have always wanted to get back to the top. Get back to winning a major trophy.

"When I arrived at the club, the first talk was to get us back into Europe.

"We did that and we pushed on and accelerated that success to the point we were challenging for titles – but quicker than we expected.

"Now, we are title winners. We have got to that stage and want to win more. We are absolutely saying we are not done here. It is the start, not the end.

"We are at the start of something big. We want to push on and just win more and more."

Garlick's positive comments contrast with supporters who fear that Mikel Arteta's men have rested on their laurels during the close season.

Some of the fanbase are livid at failing to land a left winger like Real Madrid's Vini Jr or central striker such as Atletico Madrid's Alvarez following a number of departures.

The club's Italian sporting director Andrea Berta – a slightly fearsome character – was hailed as a genius a few weeks ago but has now been accused of dithering.

Arteta will speak to the media today ahead of Sunday's massive home Premier League game against Xabi Alonso's new-look Chelsea.

And the Gunners boss will be asked about the transfer strategy, particularly the club's firepower.

Arsenal do look light in the centre with Viktor Gyokeres and Kai Havertz their only real options without putting square pegs into round holes.

It would seem a strong bet that Arsenal have identified another No 9 but he will not be available until either January or next summer.

Asked about his biggest challenge, Garlick added: "It is making sure everybody understands that this is the start of the next chapter – not the end of something.

"We are not going to sit here and pat ourselves on the back and say, 'We've cracked this, let's put our feet up'."

Infantino's 'smear' rap

FIFA accused Uefa chiefs of carrying out a "smear campaign" against under-fire Gianni Infantino.

By TOM BARCLAY

Uefa led the fight to stop Infantino's despised Fifa Forward Enterprise (FFE) plan to sell off stakes in the World Cup to private investors.

Fifa president Infantino *(below)* faced calls to quit over his bombshell plot.

And European football's governing body has now filed legal papers in the US asking Fifa to hand over evidence and documents as part of potential criminal claims in Switzerland.

Uefa accused Infantino of "criminal mismanagement" over the now-scrapped project and "a fraudulently off-market price promoted by [him] for his own benefit".

But Fifa came out swinging in their own filings lodged Stateside – asking that a court "oppose" Uefa's application by the end of the month.

Infantino and Co argue Uefa's argument suffers from "legal deficiencies".

World football's bigwigs claim they made clear the scheme was "only a proposal" and would have been approved only if a majority of member associations backed it. The court filing said: "Rather than participate in that democratic process, Uefa issues a press release – the beginning of a weeks-long smear campaign against Fifa and its leadership."

Fifa also accused Uefa of being motivated to prevent smaller countries from having the "financial strength to compete with the European elite".

The filing added: "If soccer is strengthened in the developing world, global competition increases, reducing Uefa's market power and provides more competition for its tournaments.

"The FFE would lead to more players from smaller nations choosing to represent their countries of origin and playing in their home leagues, rather than abroad."

Uefa also asked a court to demand testimony and documents from Joshua Kushner – the brother of US President Donald Trump's son-in-law, Jared – who was set to be the lead investor in FFE.

Uefa also asked for disclosure of documents from US businessman Greg Maffei, who was a key adviser on the failed project.

OWNERS 'MAY FLOG' TOFFEES

By KEN LAWRENCE

THE FRIEDKIN GROUP could sell Everton "within 18 months" as they face fan fury over the club's shambolic transfer window.

The American billionaires are already understood to be seeking investors to buy a major stake in the club — worth an estimated £1.5billion — to help pay off debts on the Hill Dickinson Stadium.

But Keith Wyness, Everton's chief executive for almost five years from 2004, told the Football Insider podcast: "I'm starting to believe there will possibly be a sale in the next 18 months.

"It seems Roma are the club they are in love with and really committed to."

Fan group The 1878s has said it will no longer decorate the stands with banners in protest, with match-goers being urged not to buy food or merchandise against Manchester United on Sunday.

The late collapse of a deal to buy Folarin Balogun from Monaco — after Iliman Ndiaye and Beto were sold — has left boss David Moyes with just ONE senior striker in Thierno Barry, 23.

However, the Toffees are considering a move for JAMIE VARDY, 39, who is a free agent after spending last season at Italian side Cremonese.

TEARIO FROM MARTINELLI

GABRIEL MARTINELLI was left in tears after sealing a £60million move to Saudi club Al-Hilal.

The Brazil forward, 25, became Arsenal's record sale — beating the £35m Liverpool paid for Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain in 2017.

Martinelli joined the Gunners from Ituano in 2019 for £6m, winning the 2020 FA Cup and Prem in his final campaign.

He wrote on Instagram: "I've spent seven years at this club. I feel like an adopted Hale End boy. I found a family that took care of me and watched me grow.

By CHARLIE WYETT

"To the fans, thank you for everything. You made me feel at home. Every time I stepped on the pitch, I just tried to give everything I had for this shirt.

"To Arsenal, thank you for believing in me and giving me the chance to show myself to the world. I'm writing this with tears in my eyes, so hard to put seven years into words."

Meanwhile, England centre-back Ezri Konsa — a £51m arrival from Aston Villa — is pushing to make his first start against Chelsea on Sunday.

He could fill in for Cristhian Mosquera, who missed training yesterday with a muscle injury, after replacing him in Monday's 1-0 win at his old club.

UNVEILED . . . Martinelli at Al-Hilal

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used to say, 'We'll kick off now, right, see how long we can go without blowing a whistle'.

"I've done that a few times in the Premier League, before VAR obviously. We went 20, 25 minutes without blowing a whistle.

"A few times . . . I'd let it go, let it go, let it go.

"I used to stand in the centre circle, see how long I could stay in.

"That was just me, joking about.

"The lads on the line would say, 'You can't'. I'll try, 'Can I run around and not leave the circle?'. I got to about 15 minutes once, in one game."

But fellow former Prem official Halsey, 65, said: "It's nonsense. It never happened in my day and it creates unnecessary pressure on current refs.

"It questions the integrity of all officials. It sounds like an ego trip.

"We need to know when he played these games? And how many games were affected?"

Dean was a professional official for 28 years before retiring in 2023.

He did not go into detail on his claims or provide evidence of when they allegedly happened.

PREMIER LEAGUE IPSWICH v

ROCK 'N

Andoni's £287.5m trio aiming to match

TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW . . . new Anfield trio Isak, Munoz and Barcola (right) have big boots to fill as replacements for legends Mane, Firmino and Salah

By KEN LAWRENCE

MO SALAH, Sadio Mane and Roberto Firmino were the front men of Jurgen Klopp's chart-busting heavy metal band.

The hits just kept on coming during the five sensational years they spent together at Liverpool.

Tonight at Ipswich, boss Andoni Iraola is poised to lift the curtain on his newly formed £287.5million trio of Bradley Barcola, Victor Munoz and Alexander Isak – with the aim of making the Reds rock 'n roll again.

No expense has been spared by the Fenway Sports Group to put together the combo that was completed with this week's arrival of winger Barcola from Paris Saint-Germain in a deal worth £123m.

Their cost is almost three times the combined amount of £103.4m paid for Salah, Mane and Firmino, who won the Premier League, Champions League, FA Cup and Carabao Cup between 2017 and 2022.

Portman Road will be the stage for the new star trio's sold-out opening night.

And if they can start producing the same quality as the originals, Iraola will be hoping he can take the club back to No1 again.

The Basque, tasked with lifting the Scousers following last season's dire title defence under sacked Arne Slot, had called all along for more talent on the wings – the same sort Klopp used to crank up the decibel level to deafening inside Anfield.

With Salah on the right, Mane on the left and Firmino acting as conductor in the middle, they scored 374 goals between them and always had the place jumping.

Salah was the main attraction and stayed that way after Mane left for Bayern Munich in June 2022.

Firmino joined Saudi side Al-Ahli 12 months later, with Salah ending his reign as Anfield's Egyptian King last month and signing for Turkey's Trabzonspor.

Now back-to-back Champions League winner Barcola, 24, has arrived as the man who could take over that mantle and help inspire striker Isak following an injury-plagued debut season.

The 26-year-old Swedish striker, whose controversial exit from Newcastle last summer cost the Reds £130m, was not properly fit – match-wise or physically.

He suffered a broken left leg in December and got just three Prem goals.

Former Bournemouth boss Iraola, 44, has suffered an underwhelming start to life on Merseyside with successive 2-2 draws against the Toon and Nottingham Forest.

But he said: "I'm happy now. I have a lot of quality in the team.

"Do I want more signings? In the end, the club has decided those signings we have done are the ones that will improve our team, improve the positions.

"There were other options that we decided not to take for different reasons, sometimes sporting or economical – it didn't make sense in the market for those moves."

What looked like making sense last year was to bring in Isak, Florian Wirtz from Bayer Leverkusen for an initial £100m and Eintracht Frankfurt's Hugo Ekitike for £69m.

German No10 Wirtz was labelled as the "wizard" of the Bundesliga when he rocked up 15 months ago. But as a so-called play-maker, the 23-year-old frequently became a disappearing act.

Frenchman Ekitike, 24, at least scored 17 goals before suffering a ruptured right Achilles tendon in April against PSG that will keep him out until the New Year.

Now Iraola is relaunching with a three-pronged attack, while Wirtz once again faces huge expectations in the No10 role.

Not that gold discs were handed out to Salah, Mane and Firmino in the beginning.

Brazilian Firmino was signed for £29m from Hoffenheim by Brendan Rodgers in June 2015 and was deemed to be delivering too many bum notes by Reds fans.

But Klopp replaced Rodgers four months later, signed Senegalese Sane in 2016, Salah a year later and handed Firmino the conductor's baton.

By the end of the 2017-18 season, Liverpool had finished fourth in the Premier League and reached the Champions League final, before winning their sixth European Cup 12 months later and coming second in the Prem. A 30-year league title drought was ended in 2020 and Mane left two years later, having just won the domestic cup double and reached another Champions League final.

Munoz, 23, looks lively and scored a late equaliser in Saturday's draw with Forest.

The Spaniard has been backed to handle the pressure by the man who helped kick-start his rapid rise to stardom.

LaLiga strugglers Osasuna banked a £30.5m profit in June for a player they bought for just £4m from Real Madrid B a year earlier after the World Cup winner flirted with joining Newcastle but picked the Reds instead.

Osasuna assistant sporting director Jose Antonio Prieto told SunSport: "Victor was at Castilla, the second team for Real Madrid, and to pay five million Euros was a big risk for Osasuna.

"But he was so good it quickly became good business. Victor plays for the fans – they will love the impact he has on the pitch. He can play on the left, right or as a striker. He is very, very fast, very, very good at dribbling and puts in very good defensive work.

"He is perfect for the team in transition – with his speed he can start counter-attacks very quickly.

"And as a person he is very professional. Last season he played with an injury to help the team when it was in trouble."

Munoz and Barcola will limit the chances of homegrown prodigy Rio Ngumoha, 18.

But Iraola has plenty of matches to rotate his squad, including the Champions League, with their opener at home to Atletico Madrid on Wednesday.

Iraola added: "The weeks of the first two games are, for me, probably the most difficult in terms of the market being open.

"Now I'm much more comfortable. Once the market is closed, we know who we are.

"We have a lot of talent in this group of players and now we have to perform."

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IRAOLA heavy metal legends

MERSEY BEAT . . . Anfield boss Andoni Iraola is hoping his revamped attack can hit the right notes

TRIPLE THREAT

LIVERPOOL won six trophies when Mo Salah, Sadio Mane and Roberto Firmino were together, the trio bagging 338 goals in that time.

SALAH, MANE AND FIRMINO AT REDS

	SALAH	MANE	FIRMINO
Games	254	240	237
Goals	156	107	75
Assists	58	30	49

(stats from 2017-22 when all three were at the club)

Games started together	139
Wins	91
Win rate	65.5%
Goals combined for	87

HONOURS

- PREMIER LEAGUE 2019-20
- FA CUP 2021-22
- LEAGUE CUP 2021-22
- CHAMPIONS LEAGUE 2018-19
- UEFA SUPER CUP 2019
- CLUB WORLD CUP 2019

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everything goes well he'll definitely be available.

"It was our priority to sign a very good player in that position but he has also come with the right mentality.

"I've liked that he wanted Liverpool a lot. He wanted to come here and that's a good first sign.

"Being the player that he is and the things that he has won recently, he has come also with the willingness to help us."

Iraola is unsure whether Barcola will be fit enough to start against the Tractor Boys because he has not played since the World Cup.

The three-time Ligue 1 champion's last outing was the third-place play-off defeat to England almost six weeks ago.

Asked whether Barcola could be thrown in from the off at Portman Road, Iraola added: "It's a good question. I see him in a good place.

"Bradley has trained with us in three sessions — he has been training normal with the group.

"He's in a good place but we also have to consider he hasn't had the minutes in the pre-season games."

Sage: Let Sarr heal

By TONY LITTLE

CRYSTAL PALACE boss Pierre Sage says Ismaila Sarr will need time to get over the collapse of his move to Liverpool.

Senegal forward Sarr, 28, was strongly linked with the Anfield giants in the final days of the transfer window.

But the deal fell through after Palace KO'd a £50million bid for last season's 21-goal star.

Frenchman Sage, 47, said: "He has to digest it because it's a dream for a lot of players to play with this kind of club.

"He had a good opportunity but it didn't work.

"If he wants to continue, have a good season with us like last year.

"Like every bad situation, time does the job."

...AND IPSWICH'S £20m SIGNING HOPING TO OUTGUN THEM TONIGHT

ZIAN WON'T RAISE PRICE BAR

ZIAN FLEMMING is not feeling the pressure before his Ipswich debut — as he knows he will never be a £100million star.

By JOSHUA HALL

While visitors Liverpool are readying £123m ace Bradley Barcola for his Reds bow tonight, Town's £20m arrival is aiming to steal the limelight.

Flemming *(left)* signed a four-year deadline-day deal, leaving Burnley to becoming Tractor Boys boss Gary O'Neil's 14th summer signing. The Dutch forward is not worried about having to prove himself against a player that cost over **SIX TIMES** the price as him.

He said: "I'm not a right-back, so luckily I don't have to defend Barcola – that helps!

"You know the top teams sign players for £100m-plus.

"But I don't feel I need to prove or show people that I'm also a £100m player.

"Because I'm not, and I will never be – and that's fine. I'll try to be the best I can be."

Flemming, 28, impressed in the Prem last season, scoring 11 times for relegated Burnley.

That campaign meant it was not just Ipswich scrapping for his signature this summer.

But despite other options, Flemming knew he wanted to join the Tractor Boys when he saw his debut would come against Liverpool.

He said: "When the deal got close, and I saw Liverpool on the schedule as the first game, I thought, 'Yeah, I'm happy I'm staying in the Premier League, because this is just class'."

Liverpool visit Suffolk having drawn both of their opening two Prem clashes.

And former Millwall man Flemming is already licking his lips at facing compatriot Virgil van Dijk to ensure the Reds remain winless.

He said: "I'm going to see if I can give him a hard time.

"I just enjoy coming up against the world's best players.

"He's probably a bit better than me – but he has to do it on the day as well."

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Sun Sport

Barcola's set for Kop bow

By KEN LAWRENCE

ANDONI IRAOLA hailed Bradley Barcola's "mentality" as the serial winner prepares to make his Liverpool debut.

The French winger *(right)* sealed his £123MILLION move from Paris Saint-Germain on deadline day and is set to feature at Ipswich tonight.

Barcola, 24, has won back-to-back Champions Leagues in the last two years with PSG.

Kop manager Iraola said: "We are very happy with Bradley. If

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XG-MEN . . . how Hugh Jackman's Wolverine could look with a Canaries spin *Artist: TONY BRANNON*

Let's be 'aving Hugh

WOLVERINE MUSCLES IN ON DELIA'S NORWICH

By CHARLIE WYETT

HOLLYWOOD star Hugh Jackman is in talks to buy a stake in Norwich.

The Wolverine actor has approached owner Mark Attanasio about buying shares in the Championship club.

US billionaire Attanasio took control four years ago from Delia Smith *(left)*, famed for her 2005 on-pitch half-time "let's be 'aving you" rant at Canaries fans.

Aussie Jackman told talkSPORT: "I'm

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BONKERS...AND THAT'S OFFICIAL!

THE REFEREE'S A PRANKER

Dean played silly `games' in matches

By TOM BARCLAY

FORMER Premier League ref Mike Dean has sensationally claimed he used to play "games" during matches.

The 58-year-old revealed he would see how long he could go without blowing his whistle or leaving the centre circle.

Referees' body Pro Ref are sceptical of Dean's explosive comments, which date back to the pre-VAR era before 2019.

And SunSport's Whistleblower Mark Halsey branded Dean's claims as "nonsense".

Dean told Jamie Vardy's podcast: "There were games we used to have, as a laugh. We

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I'M SUCH A CARD . . . Dean has revealed he mucked about playing games during matches

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Kieran Stars again

By CALLUM JAMIESON

ACCLAMATION STAR caused a 28-1 splash in the Dick Poole at Salisbury.

On rain-softened ground, Kieran Shoemark always kept the two-year-old (*right*), trained by James Owen, handy on the nearside rail.

It looked like she might get swallowed up as the challengers mounted in behind, but only Dark Issue really threatened as she kept on finding to win by half a length.

Shoemark said: "I let her roll on and we got that rail. When she quickened, she quickened well and I had that rail to aid us.

"I knew they were there the whole time but I felt like they were never gaining on us."

Shoemark doubled up on Roger Varian's Miss Miniver (11-10) who could head to the Fillies' Mile after breaking her maiden in style.

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It's Moul to play for

By CALLUM JAMIESON

CHARLIE APPLEBY is keen to have another crack at Gstaad in Sunday's Prix Moulin in Paris.

His star Opera Ballo is set for the Group 1 test over a mile at Longchamp following his third in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood.

Gstaad, who is 11-8 favourite for Sunday's race, was second that day behind Bow Echo but Appleby (*right*) believes his four-year-old can make up ground with Aidan O'Brien's star. He said: "We've got Notable Speech too but the plan is to run Opera Ballo and take on Gstaad.

"He's better off at the weights and the track will suit. I know it was a turning track at Goodwood but he'll like Longchamp."

■MOULIN ODDS: 11-8 Gstaad, 9-4 Opera Ballo, 3 Notable Speech, 7-2 Erdenali, 6 Ten Bob Tony, 16 Nightime, 50 Dreamliner

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LIP GLOSS

Appleby flyer can shine at Haydock

LIPSINK can sing all the right tunes (3.47 Haydock, nap).

By TEMPLEGATE

Michael Appleby's veteran has a habit of winning in the autumn and comes here in fine form after going close at Sandown last time out.

It was no coincidence that the ground was testing at the Esher track as this nine-year-old loves to get his toe in. He was up with the pace in what looked a competitive contest and just went down in a head-bobber on the line.

He also enjoyed the drop back to the minimum trip which he tries again today. The handicapper has not had time to react to that effort yet so he's here off the same mark, which is 9lb below the highest he's won off.

He may be getting on a bit but he put up a real fight at Sandown and being up with the pace is usually a plus at Haydock, especially when the ground is testing as it is certain to be today.

This is just his fourth run of the season so he's fresh enough and any more rain would only boost his chances under Alistair Rawlinson.

Parisiac could be the biggest danger as he comes down the weights. He likes some cut in the ground and his rider takes off a handy 5lb this afternoon.

IN SINK ... Lipsink (white and blue silks) can give Michael Appleby (*below*) a winner at Haydock

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1.30 THOMAS ARMSTRONG GROUP APPRENTICE HANDICAP (Class 5); winner £4,449; 1m 6f. (8 run)

1 (3) 66-6814 **DREAM HARDER 28** M Loughnane 7-10-2 .... **Hope Regan (5) ●99**
2 (8) 146498- **YELLOW CARD J56** M Bowen 4-10-1 .... **Isobelle Chalmers (3) 89**
3 (5) 5-02467 **GENTLE WARRIOR 34 (V;CD)** K R Burke 4-10-0 .... **Toby Moore 91**
4 (1) 4597323 **DANCE TIME 17 (D)** D Loughnane 6-9-13 .... **Conor Whiteley 98**
5 (7) 0385835 **EXPRESSIONLESS 15 (D)** D Cunha 6-9-8 .... **Kyle McHugh 93**
6 (2) 8-62361 **ZIMMERMAN 3 (C,D)** T Easterby 7-9-7(4ex) .... **Jake Dickson 97**
7 (4) 2134337 **CASCADE HALL 10 (H)** J Goldie 7-9-5 .... **Shay Farmer 90**
8 (6) 9526 **EASWRITH DESTINY 39** D Menuisier 3-9-2 .... **Donagh Murphy 84**

BETTING: 7-2 Dance Time, 4 Dream Harder, 9-2 Cascade Hall, 7 Yellow Card, Zimmerman, 8 Gentle Warrior, Easwrith Destiny, 12 Expressionless
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 8
2025: Gentle Warrior 3-9-5 Jack Nicholls 2-1 (K R Burke) drawn 6, 11 ran.

2.05 LEE THOMAS CHRISTY MEMORIAL FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (3); 2-y-o; winner £7,020; 1m. (4 runners)

1 (1) 53 **GIRL SCOUT 24** K R Burke 9-2 .... **Clifford Lee ●99**
2 (4) 03 **HIGHLAND GIRL 15** C Johnston 9-2 .... **Hector Crouch 94**
3 (3) **MY GIRL DEE MO** H Palmer 9-2 .... **David Probert —**
4 (2) 54 **PRINCESS LOTTIE 49** P McBride 9-2 .... **Cieren Fallon 91**

BETTING: 2 Girl Scout, 5-2 My Girl Dee Mo, Highland Girl, 9-2 Princess Lottie
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5 1 4 4 1
2025: Legacy Link 9-2 Colin Keane 4-5 Fav (J & T Gosden) drawn 1, 10 ran.

2.40 TATTERSALLS 40,000 EBF FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES (2); 2-y-o; winner £21,600; 6f. (4 runners)

1 (3) 17 **ETONNANTE 56 (D)** K R Burke 9-7 .... **Clifford Lee ●99**
2 (4) 36 **CALIFORNIAN ANGEL 71 (T★)** H Palmer 9-2 .... **David Probert 96**
3 (2) 47 **MARSALA 23 (BF)** R Beckett 9-2 .... **Hector Crouch 86**
4 (1) 8 **NOVAH 21** N Tinkler 9-2 .... **Faye McManoman 73**

BETTING: 6-5 Etonnante, 7-4 Californian Angel, 10-3 Marsala, 33 Novah
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 2 1 2 3
2025: Lightning Polka 9-2 Kieran Shoemark 7-2 (E Walker) drawn 8, 7 ran.

3.15 OAKMERE HOMES HANDICAP (4); value to the winner £5,757; 6f. (14 runners)

1 (1) 74-6092 **MILFORD 24 (V;BF)** J Camacho 4-10-0 .... **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 98**
2 (9) 2-42314 **WILD CLARY 78 (BF,D)** R Hannon 4-10-0 .... **Clifford Lee ●99**
3 (4) 25-5425 **TERRITORIAL KNIGHT 24 (D)** K Ryan 4-9-12 .... **Tom Eaves 96**
4 (14) 2905-99 **KODI LION 27 (CD)** M Appleby 5-9-11 .... **Cieren Fallon 83**
5 (3) 50-4729 **WOVEN 60 (CD)** M Dods 10-9-11 .... **Connor Beasley 90**
6 (5) 65-3000 **RECIPROCATED 13 (D)** D Loughnane 3-9-9 .... **Laura Pearson 86**
7 (11) 040-490 **NEVER JUST A DREAM 24 (D)** T Kent 6-9-7 .... **Callum Rodriguez 85**
8 (12) 3-55608 **COACHELLO 13 (D)** M Loughnane 8-9-7 .... **Jack Mitchell 87**
9 (6) 3311255 **CARGIN BHUI 145 (BF,D)** D & N Barron 5-9-4 .... **Oisin Orr 92**
10 (8) 8300046 **GRANT WOOD 20 (CD)** P Midgley 7-9-4 .... **David Nolan 93**
11 (10) 470-523 **RAN AMOK 76 (BF,D)** H Palmer 4-9-3 .... **David Probert 94**
12 (13) -600690 **LORD BERTIE 14 (H;D)** D O'Meara 6-9-3 .... **Mark Winn 83**
13 (2) 31 **TIP FOSTER 91** D & N Barron 3-9-1 .... **Joanna Mason 95**
14 (7) 65-8839 **TRUST AMY 49 (D)** G Hanmer 3-8-8 .... **Gina Mangan 84**

BETTING: 9-2 Wild Clary, Tip Foster, 5 Ran Amok, 6 Milford, 13-2 Territorial Knight, 8 Cargin Bhui, 10 Woven, 16 Grant Wood
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

3.47 AESTERIUS AT BEARSTONE STUD HANDICAP (4); value to the winner £5,757; 5f. (12 runners)

1 (4) -018762 **CHANGEOFMIND 15 (D)** D Carroll 6-10-0 .... **Zak Wheatley 94**
2 (10) 38-2134 **SECRET MISTRAL 9 (CD)** A Carroll 6-9-13 .... **Clifford Lee 97**
3 (11) 0315350 **MIGHTY MAGNUS 16 (D)** M Dods 3-9-12 .... **Connor Beasley 86**
4 (1) 37-7334 **JER BATT 28 (CD)** D & N Barron 6-9-12 .... **Callum Rodriguez 96**
5 (9) U530513 **ACCRUAL 21 (D)** R Carr 5-9-11 .... **William Pyle 95**
6 (6) 114-202 **LIPSINK 6 (D)** M Appleby 9-9-10 .... **Alistair Rawlinson ●99**
7 (8) 8-12208 **PARISIAC 14 (D)** I Jardine 7-9-9 .... **Shay Farmer (5) 87**
8 (2) 9487-18 **SPOOF 87 (D)** K Frost 11-9-9 .... **Jack Mitchell 90**
9 (5) 9000470 **BOSTON DAN 16 (T★;D)** T Easterby 3-9-8 .... **David Allan 85**
10 (12) 2572057 **AMERICAN BAY 22 (BF,D)** P Midgley 5-9-4 .... **David Nolan 82**
11 (3) 6217732 **CREATIVE QUEEN 21 (B)** W Haggas 3-9-4 .... **Cieren Fallon 96**
12 (7) 50-4778 **MOONSTONE BOY 147 (D)** J Candlish 5-9-3 .... **Darragh Keenan 86**

BETTING: 3 Creative Queen, 6 Lipsink, 13-2 Changeofmind, Accrual, 15-2 Secret Mistral, 8 Jer Batt, 11 American Bay, 14 Parisiac, Mighty Magnus, Spoof
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 7 2 2 4 9
2025: Arnhem 9-9-0 Paul Mulrennan 17-2 (J Goldie) drawn 6, 14 ran.

EACH-WAY THIEF

GRANT WOOD (3.15 Haydock) ran well from a bad draw in the Great St Wilfrid latest. Have an each-way double with **YOKOHAMA** (4.53 Haydock) who is down the weights and is best over this distance.

TEMPLEGATE

1.30 .... Zimmerman
2.05 .... Girl Scout
2.40 .... Etonnante
3.15 .... Kodi Lion
3.47 .... LIPSINK (nap)
4.20 .... Clementines Star
4.53 .... Blue Wonder

TOM PEPPER

1.30 .... Dance Time
2.05 .... Highland Girl
2.40 .... Californian Angel
3.15 .... Territorial Knight
3.47 .... Jer Batt
4.20 CYPRIOT DIASPORA (nap)
4.53 .... Naturalia

■TIC-TAC: L-H oval track of 1m 5f with a 4f straight. The 5f & 6f races are run on the straight. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): W Haggas 48-180, K R Burke 35-210, D O'Meara 27-201, R Beckett 23-114. THIS SEASON: K Burke 5, R Beckett 2, W Haggas 2. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): H Crouch 21-106, C Fallon 20-97, C Rodriguez 19-92, C Lee 17-144. THIS SEASON: C Lee 3, H Crouch 3, C Fallon 2. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Easwrith Destiny (1.30) & Green Falcon (4.53) trained at Pulborough. Round trip of 464 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Etonnante (2.40). ■LIVE ON RACING TV

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CHANGEOFMIND (9-13) 22-1 mid-division, headway to lead final furlong, headed post, btn sh hd by Lethal Nymph (9-13) (13 ran) (Newcastle 5f hcap (4) £5,234 AW).
SECRET MISTRAL (9-5) 13-2 led, headed 1f out, no extra, 4th of 8 (btn 6l) to Novamay (9-7) (Catterick 5f hcap (4) £5,234 good to firm).
MIGHTY MAGNUS (8-4) 50-1 midfield, ridden 3f out, headway final furlong, 11th of 19 (btn 6½l) to Miss Yechance (8-8) **BOSTON DAN** (8-2) 100-1 handy, ridden 2f out, no response, weakened final furlong, 15th (btn 11l) (York 5f hcap hdle (2) £51,540 good).
JER BATT (10-0) 4-1 prominent, led 1f out, weakened final 110yds, 4th of 6 (btn 3¼l) to Tiva (9-11) (Musselburgh 5f hcap (4) £7,851 good).
ACCRUAL (9-8) 10-3 pressed leader, pushed along 1f out, stayed on, 3rd of 9 (btn 2¾l) to Equity Law (9-4) (Thirsk 5f hcap (4) £5,234 good).
LIPSINK (9-5) 9-1 pressed leader, kept on final furlong, btn sh hd by Rosario (9-12) (8 ran) (Sandown 5f hcap (4) £6,281 good to soft).
PARISIAC (8-12) 9-1 mid-division, driven 2f out, tired, 8th of 11 (5¾l) to Eternal Sunshine (9-3) (Hamilton 5f hcap (3) £10,308 good to soft).
PARISIAC (9-6) 10-1 led, ridden 1f out, headed, btn 1¼l by Trilby (9-12) **SPOOF** (9-10) 10-1 midfield, ridden 1f out, 8th (btn 6¼l) (11 ran) (Carlisle 5f hcap (4) £5,496 good to soft).
AMERICAN BAY (9-8) 7-4 fav prominent, weakened, 7th of 10 (btn 4½l) to Shazani (9-4) (Beverley 5f hcap (5) £4,527 good to firm).
CREATIVE QUEEN (9-9) 15-2 led, pressed final furlong, headed, ns by Always Perfect (9-4) (6 ran) (Yarmouth 5f hcap (5) £4,397 good to firm).
MOONSTONE BOY (9-12) 9-1 handy, ridden 2f out, weakened, 8th of 15 (btn 4¾l) to Juan Les Pins (9-11) (Thirsk 6f app hcap (5) £3,926 good).

4.20 ARETE FOUNDATION FILLIES' HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £4,449; 7f. (12 runners)

1 (7) 97-6404 **FOLKENE 18 (D)** R Fell 4-9-13 .... **Joanna Mason 88**
2 (12) 5272839 **PICKERSGILL 2 (D)** I Jardine 4-9-11 .... **Paul Mulrennan 95**
3 (4) 4223146 **HOMESTRAIT 23 (D)** B Ellison 3-9-10 .... **Tom Kiely-Marshall (5) 97**
4 (6) 6-93165 **MAGIC MUSIC 28 (D)** Steph Hollinshead 4-9-10 .... **Luke Catton (3) 94**
5 (8) 6202482 **DREAM ILLUSION 18 (D)** M Herrington 4-9-10 .... **David Probert 98**
6 (5) 33-3213 **CLEMENTINES STAR 29 (BF,D)** D & C Kubler 3-9-9 **William Carver ●99**
7 (1) 7-77267 **TORALOU 24** M Loughnane 5-9-9 .... **Jack Mitchell 86**
8 (3) 2334 **IMELDA 56** D Loughnane 3-9-9 .... **Hector Crouch 91**
9 (2) 9863241 **CYPRIOT DIASPORA 7 (D)** B Millman 5-9-7(5ex) ... **Callum Rodriguez 98**
10 (9) 079-615 **GELATO 31 (D)** A Wintle 3-9-6 .... **Finley Marsh 92**
11 (11) 1155635 **ONLY DREAM BIG 10 (B;D)** T Easterby 3-9-2 .... **David Allan 88**
12 (10) -445555 **LIGHT THE NIGHT UP 11** K R Burke 3-9-1 .... **Clifford Lee 87**

BETTING: 9-4 Cypriot Diaspora, 7 Clementines Star, 8 Pickersgill, 10 Imelda
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 1 2 8
2025: Autumn Rose 4-9-7 Cieren Fallon 18-1 (A Carroll) drawn 7, 10 ran.

4.53 BETFAIR SUPPORTS RACING WELFARE HANDICAP (5); value to the winner £4,449; 1m 4f. (13 runners)

1 (8) 663-753 **HAMADHAN 97** J Candlish 4-10-2 .... **Darragh Keenan 96**
2 (7) /00675- **FLASH BARDOT J113 (D)** H Knight 6-10-1 .... **Cieren Fallon 88**
3 (12) 14-4448 **LIGHTNING TIGER 41 (P★;D)** C Fellowes 4-10-0 .... **Callum Rodriguez 90**
4 (11) 7-05137 **YOKOHAMA 73 (BF,D)** J Butler 5-9-13 .... **Conor Whiteley (5) 93**
5 (6) 7652324 **TORTURED SOUL 123 (D)** A Carroll 6-9-13 .... **Molly Gunn (5) 89**
6 (5) -105336 **MADE ALL 28 (D)** S England 5-9-10 .... **Oisin Orr 92**
7 (9) 600-415 **BLUE WONDER 83 (BF,C)** H Morrison 4-9-9 .... **Clifford Lee 95**
8 (13) /82-583 **STAR TIME 23 (D)** A King 5-9-8 .... **Harry Vigors (5) 92**
9 (10) 407 **MARIANITA 39** R Beckett 3-9-7 .... **Hector Crouch 84**
10 (4) 6222441 **NATURALIA 25** D Whillans 5-9-6 .... **Shay Farmer (5) ●99**
11 (1) 215-287 **LESRICO 25 (H)** L Williamson 6-9-5 .... **Ben Ffrench-Davis (5) 94**
12 (3) 3442-50 **GREEN FALCON 41** D Menuisier 3-9-5 .... **Jack Doughty 85**
13 (2) -083154 **ZIGGY'S AVENGER 39** M Bell 3-9-2 .... **Ryan Kavanagh (3) 97**

BETTING: 9-2 Naturalia, 7 Tortured Soul, 8 Yokohama, Star Time, 10 Blue Wonder
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 3 1 1
2025: Gnomon 4-10-0 Callum Rodriguez 2-1 Fav (R Beckett) drawn 1, 11 ran.

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1.55 RACING TO SCHOOL LADY AMATEUR JOCKEYS HCAP (STR) (Class 4); winner £12,540; 1m. (11 runners)

1 (2) 3354263 **LITTLE EMPIRE 23 (BF,D)** A McCann (Ire) 6-10-10 .... **Miss A B O'Connor 93**
2 (6) 14-4483 **CANCAN IN THE RAIN 15 (D)** G Arnolda 6-10-5 .... **Miss G Benson 97**
3 (7) 1-65535 **STRATOCRACY 21 (D)** K Frost 5-10-5 .... **Miss L Frost 90**
4 (1) 0851251 **DANNICK 10 (D)** G & J Moore 4-10-2 .... **Miss A Crowley (7) 96**
5 (4) 13-3225 **ATMOSPHERE 50 (V;BF,D)** R Spencer 4-10-2 .... **Miss G King 85**
6 (8) 0973043 **CALYXOH 21 (V)** P Morris 4-10-1 .... **Miss A Collier 89**
7 (3) -230192 **TEX 30 (C)** G Baker 5-10-1 .... **Miss B Hampson 97**
8 (9) D370222 **EAZY ON THE EYE 6** H Main 4-10-0 .... **Miss T Eyston ●99**
9 (5) -421576 **BOLD SUITOR 15 (D)** C Benton 9-9-12 .... **Miss T Cole (7) 90**
10 (11) 0-40333 **THE BITTER MOOSE 15 (V)** P Chamings 5-9-11 .... **Miss M Jordan 89**
11 (10) 2080388 **PORT LOUIS 6 (D)** B J Llewellyn & R Williams 5-9-6 .. **Miss C Edwards (7) 84**

BETTING: 9-2 Dannick, 5 Eazy On The Eye, 11-2 Tex, Little Empire, 7 Cancan In The Rain, 8 Calyxoh, Atmosphere, 11 The Bitter Moose, Stratocracy
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 2 3
2025: Walsingham 5-10-10 Miss B Hampson 5-1 (D O'Meara) drawn 3, 10 ran.

2.30 CHARBONNEL ET WALKER EBF MAIDEN STAKES (3); 2-y-o; value to the winner £13,500; 7f. (11 runners)

1 (8) **AYUQ** J & T Gosden 9-7 .... **Benoit Sayette**
2 (10) 2 **CHYMBULAK 30** R Varian 9-7 .... **Ray Dawson**
3 (6) **IMPASTO** A Balding 9-7 .... **Colin Keane**
4 (1) **KORSAKOV** W Haggas 9-7 .... **Tom Marquand**
5 (3) **MOON ROCK** E Walker 9-7 .... **Ashley Lewis (3)**
6 (5) 4 **SAN JOSE 20** B Meehan 9-7 .... **James Doyle**
7 (2) **SENOR BLUES** H Charlton 9-7 .... **Lewis Edmunds**
8 (9) **SHIMMERING SHADOW** S & E Crisford 9-7 .... **William Buick**
9 (7) **SKY MOUNTAIN** A Perrett 9-7 .... **Rob Hornby**
10 (11) **TOO DARN REGAL** H Eustace 9-7 .... **George Wood**
11 (4) **WORTHAWHISTLE** R Hannon 9-7 .... **Pat Dobbs**

BETTING: 7-2 Chymbulak, 4 Impasto, 5 San Jose, 11-2 Moon Rock, 6 Korsakov, 13-2 Ayuq, 8 Worthawhistle, 10 Too Darn Regal
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1 1 5 1
2025: Raaheeb 9-7 Jim Crowley 7-4 Fav (Owen Burrows) drawn 1, 7 ran.

3.05 ASCOT EVENTS EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (RND) (2); 2-y-o; winner £13,500; 1m. (11 runners)

1 (8) **BINTWILLSEA** J Portman 9-2 .... **Rob Hornby —**
2 (2) 352 **CLARITY 22** A Balding 9-2 .... **James Doyle ●99**
3 (5) **CLAUDETTE** J & T Gosden 9-2 .... **William Buick —**
4 (9) **COMRADE ALEXI** E Walker 9-2 .... **Tom Marquand —**
5 (4) **DIVIDE AND CONQUER** R Beckett 9-2 .... **Rossa Ryan —**
6 (11) 4 **JUST SCARLET 27** J Fanshawe 9-2 .... **George Wood 84**
7 (7) **KAGUYAHIME** R Varian 9-2 .... **Ray Dawson —**
8 (1) **LAKOTA PASS** S Woods 9-2 .... **Jack Callan —**
9 (6) **STORMHAVEN** R Hannon 9-2 .... **Pat Dobbs —**
10 (3) 6 **SUNSET SCRIPT 86** T Ward 9-2 .... **Saffie Osborne 76**
11 (10) 9 **SWEET KATARINA 23** W Muir & C Grassick 9-2 .... **Lewis Edmunds 70**

BETTING: 3 Divide And Conquer, 10-3 Comrade Alexi, 4 Clarity, 13-2 Kaguyahime, Claudette, 8 Just Scarlet, 10 Stormhaven, 14 Bintwillsea, Lakota Pass
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 3
2025: El Vamos 9-2 Billy Loughnane 17-2 (G Boughey) drawn 10, 11 ran.

3.40 JUDDMONTE EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES (2); 2yo; value to the winner £15,462; 6f. (7 runners)

1 (7) 1 **PURE MINT 39 (D)** S & E Crisford 9-10 .... **James Doyle ●99**
2 (3) 12 **SOLDIER OF THE SEA 45 (BF,D)** W Knight 9-10 .... **Taylor Fisher 97**
3 (6) 62 **DOES MARY KNOW 20** E J-Houghton 9-4 .... **Charles Bishop 95**
4 (2) 4 **NOBELOS 18** C Hills 9-4 .... **Rob Hornby 80**
5 (1) **WAR CHEST (H★)** E J-Houghton 9-2 .... **Rhys Clutterbuck —**
6 (5) 03 **STORM FORCE TEN 14** J Osborne 8-13 .... **Saffie Osborne 81**
7 (4) 2 **BRUSHSTROKE 22** T Kent 8-10 .... **Ray Dawson 87**

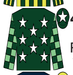
BETTING: 15-8 Pure Mint, 11-4 Soldier Of The Sea, 7-2 Does Mary Know, 15-2 Nobelos, 8 Brushstroke, 16 Storm Force Ten, 33 War Chest
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 4 1 1 1
2025: Watcha Snoop 9-5 Oisin Murphy 6-5 Fav (H Palmer) drawn 4, 5 ran.

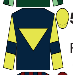
4.15 ASCOT FOOD FESTIVAL CLASSIFIED STAKES (3) win £16,200; 7f (8 runners)

1 -90213 **AALTO 41 (D)**
(4) I Williams 6-9-9 .... **James Doyle ●99**
Runs: 27 Wins: 4 (F,A,GS,G) Places: 6 £216,508
Back on song, big effort here latest, likes this venue, high on shortlist

2 411358 **BEST RATE 9 (C,D)**
(2) R Hannon 4-9-9 .... **Seamus Cronin (5) 89**
Runs: 25 Wins: 3 (2F,A) Places: 7 £59,810
Strugged up in weights since two wins, course form but needs more

3 -26232 **JOLLY ROGER 137 (BF,D)**
(8) S & E Crisford 4-9-9 ..... **William Buick 98**
Runs: 10 Wins: 1 (A) Places: 7 £30,615
Good at Redcar in April but off since, big threat if fighting fit, player


4 324411 **JONNY CONCRETE 28 (D)**
(6) I Jardine 5-9-9 .... **Jack Nicholls (3) 95**
Runs: 24 Wins: 5 (F,GS,3G) Places: 9 £74,161
This is step up from Muss win but no reason he can't take it, each-way


5 033440 **VEBLEN GOOD 7**
(7) D O'Meara 4-9-9 ...... **Tom Marquand 87**
Runs: 13 Wins: 2 (A,G) Places: 6 £37,375
Steps back up to 7f, needs more than recent outings, bit to answer

6 4-911 **DEBRIEF 41**
(3) H Eustace 3-9-5 .... **Pierre Jamin 96**
Runs: 4 Wins: 2 (2F) £11,684
Has done winning at modest level, form been let down, market check

7 10-012 **MALACHY'S WISH 16 (D)**
(5) J Osborne 3-9-5 .... **Saffie Osborne 97**
Runs: 7 Wins: 3 (S,2A) Places: 1 £15,525
Yard won this last year, cracker at Kempton latest, give good account

8 -23711 **SUSPICIOUS MINDZ 34 (D)**
(1) S Spencer 3-9-5 .... **Dale Swift 94**
Runs: 9 Wins: 2 (2F) Places: 3 £31,149
Won on stable debut at Donny, capable of more again, this is harder

BETTING: 4 Malachy's Wish, 9-2 Aalto, Debrief, 6 Jolly Roger, 13-2 Suspicious Mindz, 8 Veblen Good, Jonny Concrete, 10 Best Rate
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 3 3-0
2025: Hickory 7-9-9, S Osborne 6-1 (J Osborne), drw 4, 11 ran.

Sunracing FORM

AALTO (9-0) 14-1 rear, headway 3f out, pushed along 1f out and kept on, not pace to challenge, 3rd of 16 (btn 1½l) to Amazing Journey (8-10) (Ascot 7f hcap (2) £77,310 good to firm).
BEST RATE (9-13) 10-1 rear, headway 1f out, kept on, never involved, 8th of 12 (btn 6l) to Abundant (9-5) (Newbury 1m hcap (4) £7,328 good to firm).
JOLLY ROGER (9-8) 10-3 jt fav tracked leaders, ridden over 2f out, stayed on final furlong, took second on line, btn ½l by Skipper (9-7) (9 ran) (Redcar 1m hcap (3) £8,100 good to firm).
JONNY CONCRETE (9-9) 10-3 in touch, going best 2f out, soon ridden to lead, kept on well final furlong, bt Ashen (8-7) 1¾l (11 ran) (Musselburgh 7f hcap (4) £7,851 good).
VEBLEN GOOD (9-8) 9-2 in rear central group of six, pushed along halfway, short of room over 1f out, dropped towards rear, weakened, 14th of 18 (btn 11l) to Deep Havana (10-0) (Thirsk 6f hcap (3) £9,720 good).
DEBRIEF (9-9) 11-4 made all, tacked across steadily to grab stands rail after 2 furlongs, pushed along 1f out, ridden final furlong and drew away, bt Adalida (9-3) 3¼l (5 ran) (Lingfield 6f hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).
MALACHY'S WISH (10-1) 11-2 handy, led after 2f, headed final furlong, kept on, pressed towards finish, btn 1¾l by Cavolo Nero (10-4) (8 ran) (Kempton 1m hcap (4) £6,281 AW).
SUSPICIOUS MINDZ (9-3) 7-2 midfield, soon ridden, headway to lead final furlong, kept on, bt Shadow Run (8-10) 1½l (6 ran) (Doncaster 7f hcap (4) £5,653 good to firm).

TEMPLEGATE

1.55 .... Dannick
2.30 .... Korsakov
3.05 .... Just Scarlet
3.40 .... Pure Mint
4.15 .... Veblen Good
4.48 .... Ozat (nb)
5.25 .... Luansobe

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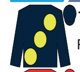
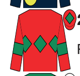
5.25

TEMPLEGATE'S TRIO: Lipsink (Hayd with Pure Mint (both Ascot).
TOM PEPPER'S DOUBLE: Cypriot Di Jolly Roger (Ascot).
SUNRATINGS' NAP: ARCTIC THUNDE
THE JUDGE: BLUE RC (4.48 Ascot).

■TIC-TAC: R-H galloping track of 1m 6f, straight mi advantage. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): W H J&T Gosden 33-268, E Walker 21-151. THIS SEASON JOCKEYS (2021-2026): W Buick 33-273, T Marqua SEASON: S Osborne 5, J Doyle 4. ■LONGEST TR trained at Carrutherstown. Round trip of 670 miles. ■F Legion (5.25). ■JACKPOT: 1-6. ■LIVE ON SKY SPOR

4.48 ASCOT HOSPITALITY H winner £23,193; 1m


1 122920 **BLUE RC 41**
(10) J Tate 4-10-0 .....
Runs: 13 Wins: 4 (F,2A,G)
Didn't fire latest, previous effort best f


2 -21983 **CLASSIC 35**
(6) R Hannon 6-9-10 ..
Runs: 27 Wins: 4 (S,F,2G)
Goodwood form looks better now, cr

3 15-042 **HARD ENDEA**
(3) J Chapple-Hyam 4
Runs: 7 Wins: 1 (A)
Big run at Sandown last time, fewer n

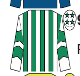
4 9-1009 **URBAN LION**
(8) J Channon 5-9-9 ..
Runs: 16 Wins: 4 (F,2A,GS)
Gone wrong way since Lincoln win, r

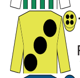
5 008003 **OZAT 27 (T★**
(5) I Williams 5-9-7....
Runs: 22 Wins: 4 (S,A,GS,G)
Straight track should help, finished w

6 076811 **ARCTIC THU**
(2) E Walker 5-9-6 ...
Runs: 21 Wins: 4 (F,A,2G)
Bolted up the last twice, up 8lb but c

7 060615 **HICKORY 21**
(11) J Osborne 8-9-5..
Runs: 33 Wins: 6 (S,2F,2A,GS)
Ascot specialist, won at this meeting

8 710153 **SPANISH VO**
(1) A Balding 4-9-4 ..
Runs: 10 Wins: 4 (F,A,2G)
Behind Hickory in July, lots of rain wo


9 000106 **WITCH HUNT**
(4) R Hannon 7-9-4 ..
Runs: 60 Wins: 7 (F,4A,GS,G)
Regular in these races, likes a big fie


10 17-514 **MOONFALL**
(12) G Boughey 3-9-2 .
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (F,G)
Won the Britannia, fine at Newmarket

11 13/10- **JOLLY JACK**
(7) J & T Gosden 5-9-2
Runs: 5 Wins: 2 (2A)
Shocker at Goodwood last seen, hard

12 -90428 **ZENNOR STO**
(9) W Haggas 3-8-10 .
Runs: 7 Wins: 2 (2A)
Patchy profile, Goodwood form stron

13 099343 **MYTHICAL G**
(13) G Margarson 6-8-9
Runs: 33 Wins: 2 (2F)
Running 7lb out of the weights, make

BETTING: 9-2 Classic, Ozat, 6 Arctic Th Zennor Storm, 15-2 Spanish Voice, Moonf
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4 4
2025: Shout 3-8-9, O Murphy 13-2 (S&

5.25 SODEXO LIVE! HANDICAP (4 winner £13,425; 7f.

1 (1) 3-64545 **FIRST LEGION 83** R Hannon 9-11 ......
2 (2) -763151 **RAGING RAJ 21 (D)** M Herrington 9-
3 (7) 20-103 **LUANSOBE 55 (D)** C Fellowes 9-6......
4 (4) -455121 **HAMBELTON 41** D Marnane (Ire) 9-6
5 (3) 7-11 **STAR OF COMMALA 15 (D)** J Chapple-
6 (8) 02-2186 **GOLDEN BROWN 23** E Walker 9-5 ....
7 (9) 77-5840 **SAPPHIRE STEPS 56** R Hannon 9-2 .
8 (5) 4601-6 **KING OF THUNDER 120 (D)** H Palm
9 (6) 56130-6 **YOU SEXY THING 85 (D)** R Spencer

BETTING: 10-3 Hambelton, 5 Star Of Commala, 1 Legion, 10 You Sexy Thing, 12 Sapphire Steps, Gol
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 3 7 1 F
2025: Forty Years On 9-6 Callum Shepherd 7-2

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FIRST LEGION (8-8) 10-1 midfield, progress 1f out, no extra, 5th of 22 (btn 3l) to Thunder Call (8-5) **GOLDEN BROWN** (8-0) 16-1 held up, ridden 2f out, never a threat, 8th (btn 4l) (York 6f hcap (2) £64,425 good).
RAGING RAJ (9-4) 10-1 close up, forged away 1f out, stayed on well, bt Return Of The Gods (9-8) 4¾l (8 ran) (Thirsk 7f hcap (4) £5,234 good).
LUANSOBE (9-7) 11-1 midfield, headway final furlong, nearest finish, 3rd of 17 (btn ½l) to Lunario (9-5) (Ascot 7f hcap (4) £13,085 good to firm).
HAMBELTON (9-3) 6-5 fav made all, stayed on well final furlong, bt No More Porter (9-6) ½l (9 ran) (Gowran Park 1m hcap €9,000 good).
STAR OF COMMALA (8-9) 85-40 made all, shaken up 1f out, always on top, bt Q (New **GOLD** drive 7 (7½ bury **SAPPH** outp 1f ou 7½l) 6f hc **KING** ridde of 12 (Che **YOU S** ridde no fu 4l) t hcap

TONIGHT'S KEMPTON CARD STANDARD TO SLOW

TEMPLEGATE

5.21 .... Sontsivka
5.54 .... Huwa Baree
6.24 .... Star Mirage
6.54 .... Starlight Time
7.24 .... Shiplake
7.54 .... Moe's Legacy
8.24 .... Rogue Empire

■TIC-TAC: R-H Polytrack all-weather course. 1m round with tight turns and a 3f run-in. ■DRAW: No advantage. ■LEADING (2021-2026): A Balding 98-627, J&T Gosden 69-337, R Varian 65-282, J Butler 50-474. THIS SEASON: A Balding 14, J Butler 13, J Owen 8. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): D Muscutt 96-658, B Loughnane 65-417, David Egan 42-337, R Havlin 41-395. THIS SEASON: B Loughnane 15, D Muscutt 10. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Notimetotakeoff (5.21) & Huwa Baree (5.54) trained at Middleham. Round trip of 490 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

PROBETS

BLINKERED BET: THICKTHORN TOM (2.50 Bangor) has won all three starts when wearing blinkers.
HORSES FOR COURSES: HANDLETHEKETTLE (7.06 Worcester) has won each of his three runs at Worcester.
GAMBLED ON: SPANISH DARLING (5.36 Worcester) was well backed before finishing third on debut here last time out.

5.21 NOVICE STAKES (Class 4); 2-y-o; winner £5,940; 7f. (14 runners)

1 (1) 0 **ADMIRAL LEACH 21** E Dunlop 9-7 .... **R Havlin**
2 (14) 3 **GIVE HAND 16** H Charlton 9-7 .... **non-runner**
3 (4) **NOTIMETOTAKEOFF** C Johnston 9-7 .. **C Shepherd**
4 (11) 7 **SCIENZA 29** A Balding 9-7 .... **C Hutchinson**
5 (7) 2 **SONTSIVKA 21 (BF)** H Palmer 9-7 .... **M Ghiani**
6 (5) 4 **XOCHIPILLI 13** M Loughnane 9-7 .... **B Loughnane**
7 (9) **YUZURU** R Hannon 9-7 .... **S Levey**
8 (10) 3 **GREENLANDER 30** S Williams 9-4 .... **P Cosgrave**
9 (12) 09 **GROUND FORCE 8** J Owen 9-4 .... **H Davies**
10 (2) **JENNY RAE** A Kirby 9-2 .... **D Egan**
11 (8) **LIGHT FINGERED** C Fellowes 9-2 .... **K Fraser**
12 (13) 3 **HIDDEN BEYOND 25** C Hills 8-13 .... **J Watson**
13 (6) **LITTLE COPPER** J Parr 8-13 .... **D Hogan**
14 (3) **SUEBOYS** O Sangster 8-13 .... **S Donohoe**

Sontsivka ●99, Hidden Beyond 97, Xochipilli 96.
9-2 Sontsivka, 11-2 Xochipilli, 7 Jenny Rae, 8 Greenlander, Yuzuru, 14 Hidden Beyond, 20 Notimetotakeoff, Scienza

5.54 NOVICE STAKES (4); 2-y-o; winner £5,940; 1m. (12 runners)

1 (2) 1 **HUWA BAREE 22** C Johnston 9-8 .... **C Shepherd**
2 (4) 89 **ARLECCHINO'S MOON 17** M Usher 9-4 .. **J Watson**
3 (6) 5 **CELTIC STORM 25** R Hughes 9-4 .... **B Loughnane**
4 (1) 8 **KIRIL 25** P Owens 9-4 .... **M Paetel (3)**
5 (10) 52 **PEABERRY 17** T Ward 9-4 .... **S Levey**
6 (7) 8 **PHANTOM KNIGHT 29** A Balding 9-4 ..... **D Muscutt**
7 (5) **ROGUE CRUSADER** P Chapple-Hyam 9-4 **R Havlin**
8 (9) **SHORIEN** A Watson 9-4 .... **W Cox**
9 (8) **TARN HOWS** D & C Kubler 9-4 .... **E Nader**
10 (12) **ROCK SHOW** J Portman 9-1 .... **H Davies**
11 (11) 9 **TOJOANNIE 25 (H)** A Balding 8-13 .... **C Hutchinson**
12 (3) 04 **LUNAR BLOSSOM 31** W Knight 8-10 .... **M Ghiani**

Huwa Baree ●99, Peaberry 98, Lunar Blossom 88.
5-2 Huwa Baree, 3 Peaberry, 6 Celtic Storm, 8 Rogue Crusader, Lunar Blossom, Shorien, 12 Rock Show, 20 Kiril

6.24 FILLIES NOVICE STAKES (3); winner £6,480; 1m. (4 runners)

1 (4) 21 **GILDING THE LILY 21 (D)** J & T Gosden 3-9-9 .... **R Havlin**
2 (1) 4 **MOONTUNE 32** S Williams 3-9-2 .... **M Ghiani**
3 (3) 6-3 **RIVER NILE 16** A Balding 3-9-2 .... **C Hutchinson**
4 (2) 2-07 **STAR MIRAGE 9** H Al Jehani 3-9-2 .... **F Bughanaim**

Star Mirage ●99, Gilding The Lily 98, River Nile 94.
10-11 Gilding The Lily, 3 River Nile, 4 Star Mirage, 8 Moontune

6.54 HANDICAP (4); 3-y-o; winner £6,281; 1m. (7 runners)

1 (4) 5102 **GO RIMBAUD 27 (B★;CD)** J & T Gosden 9-11 **R Havlin**
2 (7) 37-9 **RADIANCE 24 (H★)** G Boughey 9-8 .. **B Loughnane**
3 (6) 8851 **STARLIGHT TIME 16 (CD)** R Varian 9-8. **R Downey**
4 (5) 0335 **ELAN D'OR 16 (CD)** S Williams 9-6 .... **M Ghiani**
5 (2) 8114 **SUGGY 27 (BF,CD)** C Hills 9-3 .... **J Watson**
6 (3) 1211 **FALLACIOUS PROMISE 20 (CD)** J Butler 9-1.. **D Egan**
7 (1) 21 **WUOOD 20** R Hannon 9-1 .... **S Levey**

Go Rimbaud ●99, Fallacious Promise 98, Starlight Time 97.
11-4 Go Rimbaud, 4 Fallacious Promise, 5 Wuood, 6 Starlight Time, 6 Suggy, Elan D'or, 20 Radiance

7.24 HANDICAP (4); winner £6,281; 7f. (14 runners)

1 (5) 0984 **SHIPLAKE 19 (H;D)** K De Foy 4-9-11 .... **D Egan**
2 (3) 0000 **RAJEKO 37** M Bell 4-9-11 .... **C Shepherd**
3 (1) 0-20 **YANKEE DUDE 34 (CD)** W Greatrex 4-9-11 **E Greatrex**
4 (6) 2107 **PHYSIQUE 35 (D)** M Fenton (Ire) 6-9-9 ... **G McEntee**
5 (4) 3225 **DR STRANGELOVE 23 (C)** O Cole 4-9-9 **M Paetel (3)**
6 (14) 3402 **PHILANTHROPIST 23 (BF,D)** J Fanshawe 4-9-8 **B Loughnane**
7 (12) 6097 **LEXINGTON JET 41 (B;D)** D Loughnane 4-9-6 **S De Sousa**
8 (2) 24-3 **GILET 226 (BF)** W Greatrex 4-9-5 .... **S Levey**
9 (7) -637 **METAVERSE 168 (H;CD)** D Menuisier 6-9-5 **R Havlin**
10 (8) 1856 **WINSTON'S WARRIOR 42 (C,D)** C Hills 4-9-3 **J Watson**
11 (9) -876 **FLAG OF ST GEORGE 23 (B;D)** J Chapple-Hyam 5-9-2 **M Ghiani**
12 (13) 0283 **KINIRO 23** D Horsford 4-9-1 .... **K Fraser**
13 (11) -400 **MYTHICAL COMPOSER 20 (CD)** C Cox 4-9-1 **H Davies**
14 (10) 8046 **PORT ROAD 16 (C,D)** S Dow 5-9-0 .... **T Heard**

Philanthropist ●99, Kiniro 98, Winston's Warrior 97.
7-2 Philanthropist, 4 Gilet, 13-2 Kiniro, 15-2 Shiplake, 10 Winston's Warrior, Dr Strangelove, 16 Mythical Composer, Flag Of St George

7.54 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,187; 6f. (7 runners)

1 (5) 5135 **RAGE OF THUNDER 37 (BF,D)** G & J Moore 4-9-9 **T Queally**
2 (1) 1771 **MISSION COMMAND 36 (V;D)** J Candlish 4-9-8 **D Muscutt**
3 (2) 2527 **MOE'S LEGACY 29 (V;CD)** R Harris 5-9-8 **J Watson**
4 (6) 6073 **PETER THE WOLF 23 (D)** W Greatrex 4-9-6 **E Greatrex**
5 (4) 6715 **EARLY RELEASE 51 (CD)** P Evans 4-9-4 **P Cosgrave**
6 (3) 6064 **NEWSREADER 31 (BF,C)** A Carroll 5-9-2 **B Loughnane**
7 (7) 0494 **IRISH NECTAR 13 (B;D)** M Herrington 5-9-2 **D Hogan**

Peter The Wolf ●99, Newsreader 98, Mission Command 97.
10-3 Peter The Wolf, 7-2 Rage Of Thunder, 4 Newsreader, 11-2 Mission Command, 13-2 Moe's Legacy, 15-2 Irish Nectar

8.24 HANDICAP (5); winner £4,187; 2m. (8 runners)

1 (7) 41-3 **INTO BATTLE 43 (C)** R Stephens 5-9-9 **M Paetel (3)**
2 (1) 2311 **EDUCATOR 29 (B)** H Knight 7-9-9 ...... **B Loughnane**
3 (3) 5183 **MUST BELIEVE 23 (C)** G Baker 4-9-9 ...... **J Dace (5)**
4 (6) 1119 **ROGUE EMPIRE 42 (CD)** R Teal 4-9-7 ... **O Lewis (5)**
5 (8) -151 **DIVISION DAY 30** L Richards 4-9-2 .... **R Havlin**
6 (4) 4367 **NAASMA 23 (CD)** P Phelan 7-9-1 .... **S Levey**
7 (2) 9481 **DIGGER ONE 14** Kieran Burke 5-9-0 .... **J Gordon**
8 (5) 4331 **URBAN WARRIOR 30** S Williams 4-8-5. **S De Sousa**

Educator ●99, Digger One 98, Rogue Empire 97.
4 Digger One, Educator, 9-2 Urban Warrior, 5 Division Day, 15-2 Into Battle, Rogue Empire, Must Believe, 25 Naasma

LONG SHOT OF THE DAY

IMELDA (4.20 Haydock) is having just her fifth start and showed promise on handicap debut at Chester latest.

RS, FORM AND TIPS

TO FIRM)

TOM PEPPER
.....Tex
.....Impasto
.....Kaguyahime
....Soldier Of The Sea
.....Jolly Roger (nb)
.....Zennor Storm
.....Hambelton
ock) and Ozat (double)

aspora (Haydock) and

R (4.48 Ascot).

le, stiff uphill finish. ■DRAW: No
Haggas 40-255, A Balding 36-337,
: A Balding 7, W Haggas 5. ■TOP
nd 27-275, J Doyle 21-204. THIS
AVELLER: Jonny Concrete (4.15)
FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: First
RTS RACING

ANDICAP (STR) (2) (13 runners)

(BF,D)
..... Rob Hornby 97
Places: 6 £144,835
rm in field, big weight but player

(D)
..... Pat Dobbs 96
Places: 8 £264,761
eeping up weights, in hunt again

AVOR 62 (D)
-9-10 ....Rossa Ryan 95
Places: 3 £42,363
miles on clock than many, go well

41 (D)
.....George Bass 88
Places: 2 £140,415
ain would help, handy mark now

;BF,D)
.....James Doyle 92
Places: 5 £85,733
ell last time, capable from mark

NDER 27 (C,D)
.... Ashley Lewis (3) ●99
Places: 2 £70,334
uld still have more up his sleeve

(CD)
.....Saffie Osborne 94
Places: 10 £243,668
last year, mark is fine, in hunt

ICE 41 (D)
..... Colin Keane 92
Places: 2 £57,765
uld be a question, can get in mix

ER 20 (C,D)
.....Joe Leavy 89
Places: 14 £501,497
d, often comes with late run

55 (CD)
..... Jack Callan 93
Places: 1 £85,114
latest, lots of rain raises question

TAR 402
2..... William Buick 88
Places: 2 £11,947
to weigh up, bit to prove on grass

ORM 14 (BF,D)
..... Tom Marquand 91
Places: 1 £22,386
g, excuses at York, bounce back

UEST 21
) .....Kieran O'Neill 83
Places: 11 £70,432
s it hard in good race, watched
under, Hard Endeavor, 13-2
all, 9 Blue Rc, 12 Hickory
4 5 2 4
E Crisford), drw 4, 17 ran.

); 3-y-o; value to the (9 runners)
.....Shane Foley ●99
9.....Lewis Edmunds 97
.....Paddy Bradley 92
.....Luke McAteer 98
Hyam 9-6...Molly Keegan-Price (7) 98
.....Tom Marquand 95
.....Pat Dobbs 88
er 9-2.....non-runner 87
8-11.....Saffie Osborne 85
1-2 Luansobe, 6 Raging Raj. First
den Brown
E
(G Scott) drawn 13, 12 ran.

FORM

ueen's Hame (9-6) 1/2l (9 ran)
castle 7f flls nov (4) £5,400 AW).
EN BROWN (9-3) 15-2 rear,
n 2f out, dropped away, 6th of
l) to Supreme King (9-2) (Salis-
6f hcap (3) £7,851 good to firm).
IRE STEPS (8-9) 16-1 in touch,
aced halfway, dropped to last
t, soon lost touch, last of 11 (btn
to Amazing Journey (9-2) (Ascot
ap (3) £16,200 good to firm).
OF THUNDER (8-5) 10-1 in touch,
n 2f out, weakened finish, 6th
2 (btn 2 1/2l) to Mcmurray (9-1)
ster 1m hcap (2) £23,193 good).
EXY THING (9-8) 8-1 held up,
n 3f out, headway final furlong,
urther impression, 6th of 10 (btn
Storm Point (9-7) (Newbury 1m
(5) £5,757 good to soft).

BANGOR

GOING: GOOD

TEMPLEGATE		TOM PEPPER	
1.40	Iamyouare	1.40	Hoe Joly Smoke
2.15	Delgany Second Now	2.15	Soldier In Mayo
2.50	Thickthorn Tom	2.50	Tamarind Bay
3.25	Kiwi De Cotte	3.25	Secret Trix
4.00	I Heard A Rumour	4.00	Northern Rose
4.35	Depalma	4.35	Back In The Bay
5.10	Bobby Socks	5.10	Present Fair

■TIC-TAC: L-H sharp track of 1m 3f. There are nine fences and a run-in of 325 yards. ■LEADING TRAINERS (2021-2026): D McCain 69-372, Greenall & Guerriero 39-271, D Skelton 18-113, O Murphy 12-63. THIS SEASON: D Skelton 4, Greenall & Guerriero 3. ■TOP JOCKEYS (2021-2026): T Wynne 21-110, H Skelton 15-62, T Gillard 15-126, C Deutsch 11-65. THIS SEASON: H Skelton 4, T Wynne 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Rockvale (2.15) trained at Whitchurch. Round trip 344 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Prettylady (4.00), Faded Fantasy (5.10). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

1.40 NORTH WALES BUSINESS DAY NOVICES' HURDLE (Class 4); winner £5,281; 2m 4f. (5 runners)

1 33566-2 **HOE JOLY SMOKE 114** D Skelton 8-11-0 ..... **Harry Skelton ●99**
2 38- **SOVEREIGNLIGHTCAFE 251** M & D Easterby 5-11-0 ..... **Patrick Wadge 78**
3 351-3F2 **IAMYOUARE 40 (D)** D McCain 6-10-7 ..... **Harry Brown (10) 95**
4 80/23 **THAT OLD CHESTNUT 119** H Daly 6-10-7 ..... **David Bass 84**
5 P0-0 **WHINNY HOUSTON 16** S Lewis 5-10-7 ..... **Sean Houlihan 70**

BETTING: 8-13 Hoe Joly Smoke, 7-4 Iamyouare, 14 That Old Chestnut, 20 Sovereignlightcafe, 100 Whinny Houston
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1
2025: Intosomethinggood 4-11-2 T MoMitchell 4-6 Fav (N&W T-Davies), 5 ran.

2.15 GENESIS WEALTH MANAGEMENT NOVICES' HCAP CHASE (5); winner £5,281; 2m 4f. (8 runners)

1 4643/1- **SOLDIER IN MAYO 475** D McCain 6-12-0 ..... **Theo Gillard 97**
2 13/4f6- **MY BOBBY'S LASS 436 (BF)** M Rowley 7-11-13 ..... **Charlie Deutsch 86**
3 7-35P37 **BARRY FIFE 16** G Hanmer 7-11-13 ..... **James Davies 90**
4 46796P- **MOONLIGHTINTHEPARK 158** O Greenall & J Guerriero 5-11-9 **Toby Wynne 82**
5 35447-4 **RULE ME IN 116 (P★)** C Williams 7-11-6 ..... **Jack Tudor 92**
6 /831-3U **HIERO SPORT 16 (H)** A Hales 9-11-5 ..... **Jonathan Burke 91**
7 86-2P4U **ROCKVALE 54 (BF)** S Allwood 7-10-7 ..... **Brendon Powell 87**
8 5-7751 **DELGANY SECOND NOW 7** D Skelton 4-10-4 ..... **Harry Skelton ●99**

BETTING: 11-10 Delgany Second Now, 4 Soldier In Mayo, 8 Hiero Sport, 10 Rule Me In, Rockvale, 12 Barry Fife, 14 My Bobby's Lass, 33 Moonlightinthepark
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

2.50 GOFFS YORTON SALE 10TH SEPTEMBER HANDICAP CHASE (2); winner £11,882; 3m. (6 runners)

1 /051-34 **SURE TOUCH 40** O Murphy 10-12-0 ..... **Lewis Saunders (5) 93**
2 323-11U **TAMARIND BAY 20 (BF)** M Bowen 6-11-9 ..... **James Bowen ●99**
3 60P-305 **HOMME PUBLIC 12 (V)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 9-11-2 ..... **Jack Tudor 85**
4 42-1113 **REGAL RENAISSANCE 44 (D)** J Jones 8-11-1 ..... **Ben Jones 96**
5 354-233 **PRESENTANDCOUNTING 53 (D)** D McCain 12-10-10 ..... **Theo Gillard 90**
6 -21211 **THICKTHORN TOM 8 (D)** D Skelton 6-10-9(7ex) ..... **Harry Skelton 98**

BETTING: 5-6 Tamarind Bay, 15-8 Thickthorn Tom, 10 Regal Renaissance, 12 Sure Touch, 16 Presentandcounting, 100 Homme Public
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1
2025: Art Of Diplomacy 9-11-12 James Bowen 2-1 Fav (M Bowen), 6 ran.

3.25 DU CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP HURDLE (3); value to the winner £7,393; 2m 7f. (5 runners)

1 2166-42 **ERNEST GRAY 20 (BF,D)** A King 9-11-10 ..... **Tom Cannon ●99**
2 117-698 **ROGER POL 40 (B★;D)** J Snowden 8-11-9 ..... **Isabelle Ryder (5) 93**
3 723-322 **SECRET TRIX 54 (BF,D)** O Murphy 9-11-8 ..... **Tom Hutsby (10) 96**
4 P1-P131 **KIWI DE COTTE 20 (D)** D Skelton 6-11-5 ..... **Harry Skelton 98**
5 5611-56 **SPEED DAVIS 54 (CD)** D McCain 8-11-2 ..... **Theo Gillard 83**

BETTING: 7-4 Kiwi De Cotte, 9-4 Ernest Gray, 5-2 Secret Trix, 10 Roger Pol
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 7
2025: Lipa K 7-10-12 Henry Brooke 7-1 (O Greenall & J Guerriero), 7 ran.

4.00 KINSEY ANNIVERSARY MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE (5); winner £4,225; 2m 1f. (6 runners)

1 6348-24 **JAMMY JAY 42** H Evans 6-12-0 ..... **Benjamin Poste 98**
2 U74- **I HEARD A RUMOUR 171** D Skelton 5-11-5 ..... **Harry Skelton ●99**
3 7P-1149 **PRETTYLADY 40 (P★)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 4-11-3 ..... **Jack Tudor 87**
4 4736-84 **DARING TO DREAM 48 (H)** H Dickin 5-10-13 ..... **Megan Bevan (7) 88**
5 2-92217 **NORTHERN ROSE 15** G Hanmer 6-10-13 ..... **James Davies 96**
6 RP8-6P5 **MISS FEDORA 10 (H;D)** N Scholfield 7-10-5 ..... **Benjamin Macey (5) 82**

BETTING: 9-4 Jammy Jay, 11-4 I Heard A Rumour, 4 Northern Rose, Daring To Dream
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

4.35 LEXUS WREXHAM OPEN 2026 HANDICAP CHASE (4); value to the winner £5,281; 3m. (8 runners)

1 220-242 **HARRYS HOPE 16 (D)** B Pauling 8-12-2 ..... **Ben Jones ●99**
2 140512/ **POST CHAISE 554 (D)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 9-12-0 ..... **Toby Wynne —**
3 1P/33-2 **RIDIN SOLO 83** D McCain 8-11-7 ..... **Theo Gillard 97**
4 213-752 **BACK IN THE BAY 16 (P★)** J Owen 7-11-5 ..... **Jonathan Burke 95**
5 **1231-23 DEPALMA 110** D Skelton 7-11-5 ..... **Harry Skelton 98**
6 22-2334 **LIMERICK LEADER 13 (B)** N Scholfield 9-11-0 ..... **James Bowen 90**
7 0537U-4 **ROYAL TIME 106** C Williams 7-10-12 ..... **Jack Tudor 85**
8 2-44256 **BAHTIYAR 54** M Young 8-10-2 ..... **Benjamin Poste 84**

BETTING: 3 Depalma, 4 Post Chaise, 4 Harrys Hope, 5 Back In The Bay, 6 Ridin Solo
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED & 2025: No corresponding race.

5.10 SUN RACING SUMMER JUMPS CHAMPIONSHIP HCAP HURDLE (5); winner £4,225; 2m 4f. (12 runners)

1 11324/7 **BOBBY SOCKS 83 (D)** L Quinlan 9-12-0 ..... **Sean Quinlan 82**
2 937-585 **FADED FANTASY 56 (D)** C Williams 7-12-0 ..... **Mr J J Murphy-Knight (7) 88**
3 20105-7 **PRESENT FAIR 46 (CD)** D McCain 9-11-12 ..... **Harry Brown (10) 94**
4 3513-54 **LA LOLITA 12** G Hanmer 5-11-9 ..... **James Bowen 95**
5 80-2950 **EYEEYE 15** C Ellam 6-11-8 ..... **Brendan Powell 86**
6 843-741 **BALLYNOE BOY 20** N Richards 6-11-8 ..... **Danny McMenamin 98**
7 6776-13 **ASHDOWN FOREST 20 (BF)** D Skelton 4-11-7 ..... **Harry Skelton ●99**
8 577-456 **LORD CAUVELLIERE 15 (B★)** S Lewis 5-11-2 ..... **Sean Houlihan 89**
9 P2/62- **CAPPA LASS 11 (H)** O Greenall & J Guerriero 5-10-11 ..... **Jack Tudor 83**
10 53-5356 **CAWTHORNE CRACKER 48** O Greenall & J Guerriero 7-10-6 **Toby Wynne 88**
11 /4344-7 **DANTE'S INFERNO 111** T Culhane & S Barclay 7-10-4 **Jonathan Burke 85**
12 7P60-63 **LUCKY IN TAIPAN 16** B Pauling 6-10-2 ..... **Ben Jones 97**

BETTING: 2 Ashdown Forest, 3 Ballynoe Boy, 11-2 Lucky In Taipan, 15-2 La Lolita
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2 6 1 1
2025: Independent Jimmy 6-11-7 Theo Gillard 3-1 Fav (D McCain), 10 ran.

DOG TIPS AND RETURNS

SELECTIONS

■CENTRAL PARK: 11.09 Silver Medal (4-6-3) 11.27 Pulleen Misty (1-3-5) 11.43 Droopys Package (nap) (2-3-5) 12.01 Eire Beetle (nb) (1-2-3) 12.18 Rossa Annie (5-6-2) 12.34 Beach Party (5-2-4) 12.51 Samrose Jet (4-2-1) 1.08 Devonshire Lad (1-4-3) 1.26 Pearces Bluebell (3-4-5) 1.42 Beach Hussler (6-4-5) 1.59 Hollyoak Cleo (2-3-1) 2.14 Tommys Goldstar (1-6-2)
■KINSLEY: 2.29 Lundhill Ellie (1-4-6) 2.48 Tommys Clodagh (nap) (2-6-3) 3.07 Ballymac Baxter (3-1-4) 3.26 Lantern Bright (4-2-6) 3.44 Castlerock Cash (nb) (4-6-3) 4.03 Hazelgrove Amani (6-5-2) 4.22 Treanmanagh Ruby (1-2-3) 4.41 Grantstown Road (6-3-2) 4.59 Swift Paulina (6-2-1) 5.18 Queen Nina (1-2-4) 5.37 Cagey Betty (3-2-5) 5.56 Polyphenols (6-2-5)

RETURNS

■KINSLEY: 11.14 Bellmore Ozzy 11-4 (6-5-2 BAGS F £17.91 TC £81.50). 11.30 Pomba Flo 4-1 (1-5-4 £22.24 TC £46.01). 11.46 Lamia 5-1 (4-3-6 £47.96). 12.03 Queen Babs 15-8 (6-1-3 £14.78 TC £23.73). 12.20 Grange Bell 7-2 (5-2-6 £44.73 TC £77.02). 12.37 Laylas Friend 5-2 (3-6-4 £9.16 TC £27.09). 12.53 Knotmor Signet 15-8f (2-3-6 £10.27 TC £21.75). 1.11 Queen Etta 2-1 (4-2-5 £26.27 TC £91.12). 1.26 Urgent Call 2-1f (1-3-5 £16.80 TC £56.98). 1.41 Eagles Magic 6-5f (2-6-4 £8.87). 1.58 Hazelgrove Raven 4-1 (4-3-2 £16.55). 2.14 Costly Chips 8-1 (3-1-5 £49.13 TC £87.05).
■CENTRAL PARK: 2.23 Innfield Hunter 11-4 (2-6-4 BAGS F £9.52). 2.41 Kereight Belle 7-4 (2-1-6 £21.58 3.01 Hollyhill Shari 13-8f (2-3-1 £5.81). 3.19 Coolside Spyman 4-11f (3-4-2 £4.94). 3.38 Yassoo Gee One 5-4 (4-6-3 £2.54). 3.57 Westwood Gem 11-4 (4-3-1 £18.64 TC £31.72). 4.16 Pearces Magic 5-6f (6-4-1 £4.02). 4.34 Harlequin Windy 9-1 (4-1-2 £38.83 TC £77.08). 4.53 Smooth As Satin 11-4 (3-6-5 £20.07 TC £50.90). 5.12 Insane Cuddles 10-11f (1-5-3 £6.64).
■DUNSTALL PARK: 2.29 Society Paddy 6-1 (6-3-1 BAGS F £57.49 TC £105.73). 2.48 Lynnia Da Devil 4-1 (3-4-5 £13.24 TC £61.06). 3.07 Crokers Mack 13-8f (2-1-5 £9.87 TC £37.01). 3.26 Brosna Cash 4-1 (4-2-1 £25.02 TC £82.31). 3.44 Hows That 12-1 (5-2-4 £122.07 TC £218.18). 4.03 Keplar Danzig 2-1 (4-5-1 £6.13 TC £23.72). 4.22 Crack On Sam 11-4 (1-3-4 £6.65 TC £18.35). 4.41 Pennys Edge 11-4 (5-6-2 £17.23 TC £43.12). 4.59 Dixie Again 11-8f (1-6-4 £4.99 TC £24.36). 5.18 Elsies Champ 13-8f (4-3-6 £6.13 TC £11.96).

RACING RESULTS

HAYDOCK

Going: Soft-good to soft in places

1.30: 1 STAR START Miss C Parker (5-1); **2 Spirit Catcher** (11-4 fav); **3 Alpine Sierra** (25-1). 11 ran. 1 1/2l; 1 1/4l. R Carr. T: £6.40; £1.90, £1.60, £6. Ex: £31.20. Tricast: £328.83. Trifecta: £361.30. CF: £19.54. NR: Recobella, Roland Garros.

2.05: 1 BURNING UP C Lee (4-9 fav); **2 Hands To Yourself** (14-1); **3 Under Arrest** (12-1). 9 ran. 1 1/4l; 5 1/4l. K R Burke. T: £1.45; £1.10, £3.30, £2.70. Ex: £9.90. Trifecta: £52.40. CF: £10.01.

2.40: 1 FLYING PIRATE C Bishop (5-4 fav); **2 Maliqui** (11-1); **3 Perfect Gal** (20-1). 7 ran. 8l; nk. E J-Houghton. T: £2.25; £1.30, £4.80. Ex: £15.10. Trifecta: £109.10. CF: £15.46.

3.17: 1 DIPLOMATA T Marquand (5-1); **2 One Shot Kodi** (13-2); **3 Gerry's Darling** (8-1). 10 ran (Katie's Cavalier 10-3 fav). 1l; 3 1/4l. W Haggas. T: £6; £1.90, £2.10, £2.60. Ex: £38.10. Tricast: £263.39. Trifecta: £256.70. CF: £37.66. NR: Greek Street, Peggy's Lad.

3.52: 1 SHARADD T Marquand (evens fav); **2 Al Arraab** (10-1); **3 Deputy Vice** (10-1). 7 ran. 6l; 1 1/4l. W Haggas. T: £2; £1.20, £3.70. Ex: £9.20. Trifecta: £56.80. CF: £11.21. NR: Does Mary Know.

4.25: 1 HOSEKI T Marquand (5-4 fav); **2 Hollywell Stream** (4-1); **3 Star Cast** (5-1). 7 ran. 1 1/2l; 1 1/4l. W Haggas. T: £2.25; £1.40, £2.80. Ex: £8.40. Trifecta: £35.10. CF: £6.68.

5.00: 1 MEHMAS CHAMPION D Probert (80-1); **2 Pol Roger** (14-1); **3 Night Patrol** (20-1). 13 ran (Storm Point 5-2 fav). nk; 2 1/2l. D O'Meara. T: £109; £23, £3.70, £6.20. Ex: £1054.50. Tricast: £20823.07. Trifecta: Not won. CF: £1029.14. NR: High Point.

PLACEPOT: £40.90
QUADPOT: £13.70

LINGFIELD

Going: Standard

3.10: 1 PRINCESS HONEY BEE S Osborne (9-4); **2 Hamdania** (9-4); **3 All Shall Be Well** (33-1). 5 ran (Barbuda Bay 7-4 fav). 1 1/2l; 1/4l. Craig Lidster. T: £3.25; £1.60, £1.60. Ex: £7.50. Trifecta: £46.70. CF: £7.78.

3.45: 1 SIBLING RIVELRY J Dace (3-1); **2 Romantic Spirit** (17-2); **3 Mister Daydream** (11-4 jtfav). 6 ran (Twilight Moon 11-4 jtfav). nk; 2 1/2l. D M Simcock. T: £4; £1.90, £3.60. Ex: £20.50. Trifecta: £72.80. CF: £27.67.

4.20: 1 DIOMED DUKE Olivia Haines (6-4 fav); **2 Toolatetonegotiate** (9-2); **3 Truly Glamorous** (4-1). 5 ran. 1 1/4l; 2l. S C Williams. T: £2.50; £1.30, £2.20. Ex: £8.20. Trifecta: £23.90. CF: £8.57. NR: Noble Vow.

4.55: 1 LION OF GOD M Ghiani (33-1); **2 Mouj Albuhoor** (8-13 fav); **3 Kamaal** (9-4). 5 ran. 1 1/2l; 1/4l. M Botti. T: £34; £6.60, £1.20. Ex: £70.90. Trifecta: £115.90. CF: £56.19.

5.30: 1 FABLED SPIRIT G Mangan (5-4 fav); **2 Ada Rose** (17-2); **3 Sir Griflet** (3-1). 6 ran. 1 1/2l; 1/2l. A Watson. T: £2.25; £1.40, £3.90. Ex: £12.30. Trifecta: £33. CF: £12.78. NR: Lost In Wonder.

6.00: 1 ANGELS' SHARE M Ghiani (11-8 fav); **2 Sugar Sugar** (13-2); **3 Espanita** (12-1). 10 ran. shd; 2 1/4l. W Knight. T: £2.38; £1.30, £1.40. Ex: £12.40. Trifecta: £81.58. Trifecta: £115.30. CF: £10.99.

6.30: 1 WATCHDOG J F Egan (22-1); **2 Come On Over** (15-2); **3 Romeo Montague** (13-2). 7 ran (Acclaimed Freedom 2-1 fav). 1/4l; nk. R & P Fahey. T: £23; £6.30, £3.30. Ex: £89.80. Trifecta: £1206.99. Trifecta: £1823.30. CF: £173.15. NR: Pilgrim's Progress.

7.00: 1 BOSTON RUN M Ghiani (5-2); **2 The Bay Warrior** (13-2); **3 Haveagobeau** (15-2). 7 ran (Lady Of Clover 9-4 fav). 1l; 1 1/4l. S Dow. T: £3.50; £2, £2.80. Ex: £19.10. Trifecta: £103. CF: £18.93.

PLACEPOT: £35.90. **QUADPOT:** £5.70

NEWCASTLE

Going: Standard

1.42: 1 SATYRESS S D Bowen (7-2 fav); **2 Gemini Man** (9-2); **3 Lammas Bls** (5-1). 9 ran. nk; 1l. H Bethell. T: £4.50; £1.90, £1.20, £1.70. Ex: £17.70. Tricast: £79.96. Trifecta: £38. CF: £20.30.

2.17: 1 QITAAL C Beasley (9-4 fav); **2 Mao Shang Wong** (11-1); **3 Amidst The Chaos** (5-1). 9 ran. 2l; 1/4l. C Johnston. T: £4.10; £1.50, £3, £2.10. Ex: £35.60. Tricast: £115.67. Trifecta: £90.10. CF: £29.84.

2.52: 1 INTERSTATE R Havlin (4-9 fav); **2 Treble Bass** (11-1); **3 Quiet Summer** (2-1). 4 ran. 2 1/2l; 1/2l. J & T Gosden. T: £1.45; Ex: £5.10. Trifecta: £6.20. CF: £6.63.

3.24: 1 HOME SECRETARY D E Hogan (3-10 fav); **2 Tarbat Ness** (7-2); **3 It's All About You** (9-1). 4 ran. 1/2l; 3l. Sir M Prescott. T: £1.30; Ex: £1.80. Trifecta: £2.20. CF: £1.78.

3.59: 1 MUSSAB Oisin Orr (1-4 fav); **2 Caelum** (9-2); **3 What A Girl Wants** (12-1). 7 ran. 4l; nk. R & P Fahey. T: £1.25; £1.10, £1.60. Ex: £2.20. Trifecta: £5.70. CF: £1.80. NR: Perfect Strike, Taj Mahal Palace.

4.35: 1 VICTORY SOUND C Beasley (2-1 fav); **2 Blairtum Night** (14-1); **3 Bantz** (10-1). 13 ran. nk; 1/4l. M Usher. T: £3; £5.40, £3.90, £1.40. Ex: £45.50. Tricast: £257.10. Trifecta: £498.20. CF: £36.28. NR: Shatin Beauty.

5.10: 1 ASADJUMEIRAH E Tindall (9-4 fav); **2 Dream Forever** (7-1); **3 Liquid Cooled** (9-2). 7 ran. 3l; nk. A Brittain. T: £3.25; £2.10, £1.90. Ex: £24.70. Tricast: £64.69. Trifecta: £64.70. CF: £18.51. NR: Global Effort, Victory Sound.

5.40: 1 TOMORROW DAY C Beasley (3-1); **2 Tickets** (4-1); **3 Uncle Sam** (5-2 fav). 8 ran. hd; 1 1/4l. M Usher. T: £4; £1.30, £1.50, £1.40. Ex: £13.80. Tricast: £34.11. Trifecta: £39.80. CF: £15.92. NR: Em Jay Kay.

6.15: 1 HARB R Scott (5-2); **2 Speeding Bullet** (7-1); **3 Dc Cogent** (9-4 fav). 8 ran. 1 1/2l; 1/2l. T Davidson. T: £3.50; £1.50, £1.90, £1.10. Ex: £18.70. Tricast: £44.64. Trifecta: £41.90. CF: £20.70.

PLACEPOT: £17.20. **QUADPOT:** £3.40

SALISBURY

Going: Good to soft-soft in places

1.53: 1 A LA NOCHE Oliver Hoodless (9-2); **2 Decalogue** (7-2); **3 Prince Rasam** (5-2 fav). 8 ran. 3l; 8l. Oliver Cole. T: £5.50; £1.20, £1.70, £1.50. Ex: £23.90. Tricast: £47.73. Trifecta: £98. CF: £21.08.

2.28: 1 ROCK IN JAPAN E Greatrex (8-1); **2 Night Star** (10-11 fav); **3 Mulvaney's Return** (40-1). 7 ran. hd; 6l. R Beckett. T: £7.30; £2.10, £1.10. Ex: £8. Trifecta: £46.90. CF: £6.98. NR: General Wolfe, My Boy. My Boy| Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 35p in the £.

3.03: 1 ROSE MOON Rossa Ryan (5-2); **2 Hereward** (6-4 fav); **3 Caelan's Rose** (20-1). 9 ran. 2 1/4l; 1 1/4l. R Beckett. T: £3.50; £1.20, £1.10, £3.70. Ex: £6.60. Trifecta: £59. CF: £6.40.

3.39: 1 MISS MINIVER K Shoemark (11-10 fav); **2 Thi Qar** (5-2); **3 Ellavara** (9-1). 8 ran. nk; nk. R Varian. T: £2.10; £1.10, £1.10, £2.20. Ex: £4.80. Trifecta: £24.40. CF: £3.95. NR: Costa Verde.

4.14: 1 ACCLAMATION STAR K Shoemark (28-1); **2 Dark Issue** (6-1); **3 Nuit D'eclair** (2-1). 11 ran (Miss Kodi 13-8 fav). 1/4l; 1/2l. James Owen. T: £34.10; £6, £2.10, £1.30. Ex: £145.40. Tricast: £461.52. Trifecta: £1244.50. CF: £183.68.

4.49: 1 ZEN DIVA Rossa Ryan (2-1 fav); **2 Albaydaa** (9-2); **3 Lyra Lea** (12-1). 9 ran. 1 1/2l; 3 1/4l. R Beckett. T: £3; £1.50, £1.60, £3.20. Ex: £13.50. Tricast: £84.04. Trifecta: £117.20. CF: £10.68. NR: Miss Nightcap, Passing Thought.

5.24: 1 LOOKA S De Sousa (14-1); **2 Principality** (9-2); **3 Boyfriend** (4-1 co fav). 11 ran (Point Of Contact 4-1 co fav, Shipbourne 4-1 co fav). 1/2l; nk. M Botti. T: £15.30; £4, £1.80, £2. Ex: £85.10. Tricast: £314.73. Trifecta: £364.90. CF: £79.17.

5.55: 1 ZGHARTA O Murphy (11-4); **2 Redbud Sixteen** (8-1); **3 Chapter** (18-1). 7 ran (Aleatrix 7-4 fav). 3 1/4l; hd. A Balding. T: £3.75; £1.90, £3.40. Ex: £26. Trifecta: £176.70. CF: £25.03.

JACKPOT: Not won, pool of £41,808.52 carried over.
PLACEPOT: £5.60. **QUADPOT:** £3.80

SOUTHWELL

Going: Standard

4.30: 1 STARTLING J Hart (evens fav); **2 Mimime** (40-1); **3 Invincible Crown** (7-2). 6 ran. 1 1/2l; 2 3/4l. J Wainwright. T: £2; £1.20, £5. Ex: £18.20. Trifecta: £95.50. CF: £40.69. NR: Poetic Jack.

5.05: 1 ELYAM J Hart (11-8); **2 Black Orchid** (4-6 fav); **3 Atomik** (12-1). 6 ran. 5l; 4 1/4l. M Herrington. T: £2.38; £1.10, £1.10. Ex: £2.70. Trifecta: £5.30. CF: £2.69. NR: Gris De Chine.

5.35: 1 MR MOONSHINE C Rodriguez (10-3); **2 Roker Roar** (15-2); **3 Al Maslool** (9-1). 7 ran (Much 6-4 fav). 2l; 1/4l. R & P Fahey. T: £4.90; £1.70, £2.90. Ex: £20.30. Trifecta: £92.70. CF: £28.14.

6.10: 1 CASTLEMONT B Loughnane (1-3 fav); **2 Walking On Stars** (7-2); **3 Liam Mera Kai** (12-1). 7 ran. 3 1/4l; 6l. C Appleby. T: £1.34; £1.10, £1.60. Ex: £2.40. Trifecta: £7.90. CF: £2. NR: Arco Sancho.

6.40: 1 THE THIRD STAR C Rodriguez (7-4 fav); **2 Great Mates** (10-3); **3 Borjina** (9-1). 8 ran. 2 1/4l; 3 1/4l. Owen Burrows. T: £3; £1.30, £1.20, £2.70. Ex: £10.50. Tricast: £39.21. Trifecta: £45.50. CF: £7.67. NR: Alterity.

7.10: 1 HOT AND COLD L Morris (7-4 jtfav); **2 Hale End** (17-2); **3 Kaleido** (8-1). 9 ran (Franschhoek 7-4 jtfav). 1 1/2l; nk. Sir M Prescott. T: £2.75; £1.10, £2.40, £2.20. Ex: £17.20. Tricast: £97.72. Trifecta: £76.50. CF: £19.27.

7.40: 1 INDEFENSIBLE H Russell (17-2); **2 Korbut** (7-4 fav); **3 Lieutenant Kije** (3-1). 9 ran. ns; hd. O Pears. T: £9.50; £2, £1.30, £1.30. Ex: £27.70. Tricast: £57.30. Trifecta: £83.50. CF: £24.08.

8.10: 1 PAPA COCKTAIL J Hart (17-2); **2 Kirkdale** (9-2); **3 Moving Force** (10-1). 12 ran (Modern Times 3-1 fav). 3/4l; 1 1/4l. M Herrington. T: £10.90; £3.20, £2.10, £3.90. Ex: £63.60. Tricast: £405.50. Trifecta: £622.70. CF: £49.11.

PLACEPOT: £22.20. **QUADPOT:** £11

KILBEGGAN

Going: Good to yielding

3.30: 1 FIRST ASCENT D Gilligan (11-2); **2 Blue Johnl** (125-1); **3 Tomthescaffolder** (13-2). 11 ran (Power Of Knowledge 10-11 fav). 14l; nk. G Elliott.

4.05: 1 COMBS D Gilligan (2-1 fav); **2 Goeasyonme** (10-3); **3 Telegram Sam** (4-1). 14 ran. 1 1/2l; 7l. G Elliott.

4.40: 1 SPLENDID FELLOW D J O'Keeffe (4-7 fav); **2 Rokanako** (5-2); **3 La Muleta** (20-1). 8 ran. 9 1/2l; 5 1/2l. H De Bromhead.

5.15: 1 CHEMDAWG P T Enright (5-1 fav); **2 Larkins Lane** (3); **3 Bowgate Street** (9-1); **4 Demanding Gerry** (11-1). 16 ran. 1 1/2l; 3l; hd. O McKiernan.

5.48: 1 NOT IN A HURRY S D Torrens (11-4); **2 Tutu Twist** (4-5 fav); **3 Tell Me See** (10-1). 11 ran. 1 1/4l; 10l. A A Howard.

6.18: 1 WARMER DAYS AHEAD P T Enright (11-1); **2 Blue Reed** (9-2 jtfav); **3 Bobby Kirova** (40-1). 14 ran (Dairy Force 9-2 jtfav). 1 1/2l; 6l. O McKiernan.

6.48: 1 PAT O'S ROCK Mr J L Gleeson (85-40 fav); **2 Bambi Fever** (33-1); **3 Tamara Jane** (9-4). 10 ran. 12l; 1 1/4l. H De Bromhead.

7.18: 1 CALL MY NAME Mr Adam Ryan (13-2); **2 Myluckymaker** (2-1 fav); **3 Fleurocco** (7-1). 7 ran. 7 1/2l; 1 1/2l. A Slattery.

PLACEPOT: €139.40

TEMPLEGATE

RACING'S NO1 TIPSTER STEVE MULLEN

LIPSINK can hit the right notes (3.47 Haydock, nap).

Michael Appleby's veteran is the day's best bet. Find out why on Page One.

OZAT (4.48 Ascot, nb) ran a cracker when third here last time and looks hard to beat.

Ian Williams teams up with James Doyle on this son of Kingman who was asked to come from a mile back here last month.

That was at the Shergar Cup and he saw out this mile strongly in a race that turned into a bit of a sprint in the closing stages.

The handicapper has left his mark alone despite that promising effort and he goes on any ground. He held his own in Listed and Group races when

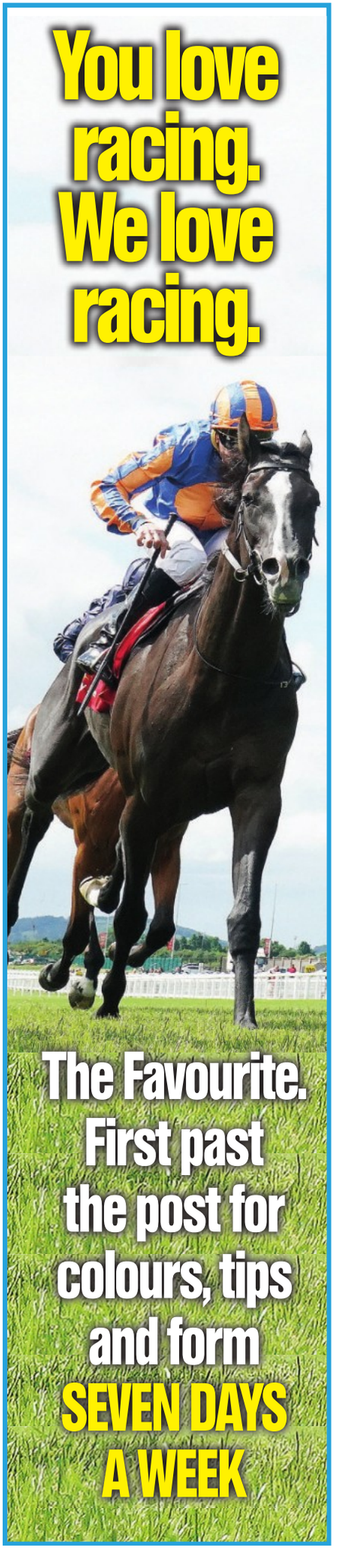
Ozat to bowl rivals over

trained in France and he looks well weighted today.

PURE MINT looks a sweet bet (3.40 Ascot, treble). There was a lot to like about the way he got off the mark on debut at Ripon last time. He is related to plenty of winning sprinters and showed all that pace when getting off the mark.

Connections have him entered in hotter contests than this later in the season and he can build on that excellent start. He has to shoulder a penalty for that success but there's a lot more to come.

★ TEMPLEGATE NAP	★ TEMPLEGATE NB	★ TEMPLEGATE TREBLE
LIPSINK	**OZAT**	**PURE MINT**
3.47 Haydock	4.48 Ascot	3.40 Ascot
Best with some cut and went down in a photo at Sandown last time out.	Good effort from the rear here last time and looks well handicapped.	Looked a really nice prospect when winning on debut at Ripon latest.



WORCESTER JUMPERS

GOING: GOOD

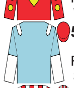
4.30 COPYBET BEST ODDS HANDICAP CHASE (Class 4) winner £4,700; 2m 7f (6 run)

1 13-351 **GIOVANNI CHANGE 48**
M Walford 11-12-0 .... **Jamie Hamilton** 95
Runs: 48 Wins: 9 (GS,8G) Places: 11 £99,600
Only has one eye, saves his best for beloved Market Rasen, respected

2 431P-2 **PAPER MILL 59**
S Edmunds 10-11-13 .... **Charlie Hammond** 91
Runs: 21 Wins: 8 (2S,3G) Places: 5 £8,586
Fine pointer in his day, no disgrace at Uttoxeter latest, don't rule him out

3 311-22 **JET SMART 105 (BF,C)**
D Summersby 8-11-12 .... **Bryan Carver** 97
Runs: 31 Wins: 12 (2S,GS,5G) Places: 6 £20,247
Another decent in points, ran into one here (2m4f) last time, in the mix

4 007-12 **DEXPERTS OPINION 84 (BF)**
M Bowen 6-11-11 .... **Sean Bowen** ●99
Runs: 10 Wins: 2 (S,G) Places: 1 £17,494
Well punted N Abbot latest and no disgrace, has win over fences in him


5 7/217- **MUMFORD'S MAGIC 180**
D Skelton 8-11-11 .... **Tristan Durrell** 92
Runs: 15 Wins: 1 (S) Places: 4 £14,002
3m5f too far Warwick last time, this trip better on return to action, player

6 PP34P- **BETTER OFF ALONE 173**
M Keighley 7-11-0 .... **Freddie Keighley (5)** 87
Runs: 10 Places: 1 £4,390
Signs of ability but yet to make breakthrough/prone to odd mistake, left

BETTING: 5-2 Giovanni Change, 3 Dexperts Opinion, 4 Jet Smart
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 4
2025: Almazhar Garde 10-11-10, P O'Brien 15-2 (C Longsdon), 7 ran.

5.03 KEVIN 'NASTY' TURNER MEMORIAL HCAP CHASE (5); winner £3,248; 2m 110yds. (6 runners)

1 6-16577 **BELLE LE GRAND 20** D Skelton 7-12-0 .... **Harry Atkins (5) 93**
2 R56-121 **HOLY LEGEND 44 (C)** A Dunn 7-11-8 .... **James Best ●99**
3 8864-88 **FOUR DECADES 20** T Ellis 5-11-8 .... **Jack Andrews 84**
4 143-724 **CULLIGRAN 40** D Jeffreys 7-10-13 .... **Kielan Woods 96**
5 87P-PP3 **BOOM BOOM 54 (D)** B Summers 8-10-8 .... **Harry Reed 92**
6 224325P **BALLINOULART 7 (V)** D Bridgwater 8-10-2 .... **Richard Upton (7) 82**
BETTING: 1-2 Holy Legend, 11-2 Culligran, 8 Belle Le Grand, 10 Boom Boom
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2
2025: Hobie 8-11-8 Sam Twiston-Davies 6-1 (David Dennis), 6 ran.

5.36 COPYBET PREMIER LEAGUE PROFIT BOOSTS OPEN NH FLAT RACE (5); winner £2,451; 2m. (10 runners)

1 5 **COMPANY CHARGE 53 (P★)** N & W Twiston-Davies 5-11-2 **Sam Twiston-Davies 89**
2 251-13 **SPANISH DARLING 12** T George 5-11-2 .... **Liam Harrison 96**
3 **BRAVE LION** O Murphy 4-11-0 .... **Sean Bowen —**
4 PF-43 **DARK TIDE RISING 20** T George 4-11-0 .... **Kielan Woods 86**
5 0- **ROI DES DIAMANTS 258** D Cole 4-11-0 .... **Lewis Stones (3) 70**
6 **SECRET JET AWAY** M Keighley 4-11-0 .... **Freddie Keighley (5) —**
7 2 **EBARAYNA 42** H Oliver 4-10-7 .... **Lee Edwards ●99**
8 **MIDNIGHT LEXI** D Skelton 4-10-7 .... **Tristan Durrell —**
9 4 **MOUTH WATERING 42** D Cole 4-10-7 .... **James Best 91**
10 47 **QUEENS GLANCE 66** M Rimell 4-10-7 .... **Harry Cobden 80**
BETTING: 11-4 Ebarayna, 3 Spanish Darling, 9-2 Brave Lion, 4 Midnight Lexi
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 6
2025: Dartmouth Jet 4-11-0 Jonathan Burke 28-1 (J Mackie), 7 ran.

6.06 JOHN BURKE MARES' MAIDEN HURDLE (4); value to the winner £5,446; 2m. (12 runners)

1 29/84 **DO WAH DIDDY 16** N & W Twiston-Davies 5-11-6 **Miss Amber Jackson-Fennell (7) 86**
2 23788- **DRAKARIS 167** D Skelton 5-11-6 .... **Tristan Durrell 84**
3 33-332F **ELATED 16** B Pauling 5-11-6 .... **Callum Pritchard 96**
4 39-69 **GALEFORCECHOPPER 44 (H)** D Brace 5-11-6 .... **Liam Harrison 75**
5 1- **JURY ROSES 488** C Boultbee-Brooks 5-11-6 .... **Adam Wedge 95**
6 4/94-6P **MISTRAL MILLY 56** D Jeffreys 7-11-6 .... **Kielan Woods 79**
7 /3325-3 **MORISSETTE 124** D Summersby 6-11-6 .... **Bryan Carver 88**
8 222P/3 **NALA THE LIONESS 16** D Killahena & G McPherson 6-11-6 **Nick Slatter (3) 86**
9 FF2P-4 **SKY BLUE RIBBON 103** N Mulholland 5-11-6 .... **Harry Cobden 90**
10 P179-P **SNOW IS IN THE SKY 12** G Brown 5-11-6 .... **Richie McLernon 82**
11 9-9 **GEORGIE'S LADY 42** D Dennis 4-11-4 .... **Charlie Todd 70**
12 73-9552 **STEAL A GLANCE 10** A Honeyball 4-11-4 .... **Sam Twiston-Davies ●99**
BETTING: 15-8 Elated, 7-2 Steal A Glance, 5 Jury Roses, 15-2 Mistral Milly
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED and 2025: No corresponding race.

TEMPLEGATE

4.30 .... Better Off Alone
5.03 .... Holy Legend
5.36 .... Ebarayna
6.06 .... Elated
6.36 .... Tilehurst
7.06 .... Handlethekettle
7.36 .... Jullou De Grissay

TOM PEPPER

4.30 .... Giovanni Change
5.03 .... Belle Le Grand
5.36 .... Brave Lion
6.06 .... Jury Roses
6.36 .... Emerald Time
7.06 .... Scottish Anthem
7.36 .... Fane Court

■TIC-TAC: Left-handed 1m 5f oval, flat with long straights and easy turns. There are nine fences per circuit and a run-in of 220 yards. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): N Mulholland 33-218, F O'Brien 33-233, D Skelton 30-178, O Murphy 29-121. THIS SEASON: D Skelton 10, O Murphy 8, M Bowen 6. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): S Bowen 68-268, S Twiston-Davies 33-218, H Cobden 25-109, K Woods 23-123. THIS SEASON: S Bowen 13, K Woods 4, G Sheehan 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Dexperts Opinion (4.30) trained at Haverfordwest. Round trip of 352 miles. ■FIRST RUN SINCE WIND OP: Sonyourastar (7.36). ■LIVE ON SKY SPORTS RACING

6.36 STEP INTO LUXURY PURPLE GRANITE HANDICAP HURDLE (4); winner £4,066; 2m. (6 runners)

1 3324-51 **TILEHURST 44 (CD)** N Mulholland 5-12-0 .... **Sean Bowen 98**
2 76-5131 **EMERALD TIME 40 (CD)** R Hatch 5-11-11 .... **Toby McCain-Mitchell (3) ●99**
3 34532-4 **SUN ART 99 (D)** F O'Brien 7-11-10 .... **Jack Hogan 97**
4 3F136/4 **CALL ME TARA 103 (CD)** F O'Brien 9-11-9 .... **Tom Broughton (3) 85**
5 2325-P2 **ZAFAAN 12 (H)** C Clover 6-11-6 .... **Harry Bannister 95**
6 /94375- **LORD VIRGINIA 197** M Keighley 5-11-0 .... **Freddie Keighley (5) 92**
BETTING: 7-4 Tilehurst, 3 Emerald Time, 5 Sun Art, 6 Zafaan, 8 Lord Virginia
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 2
2025: An Bradan Feasa 5-11-7 Sean Bowen 2-1 (Jack Jones), 6 ran.

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TILEHURST (11-7) 7-2 midfield, pushed along 2 out where led, pressed run-in, asserted finish, bt Playful Fox (11-2) 3¼l (7 ran) (Worcester 2m hcap hdle (4) £4,066 good).
EMERALD TIME (10-13) 9-4 towards rear, went 2nd 3 out, switched right 2 out, led last, driven out, bt Drombeg Lad (11-4) 1¾l (6 ran) (Uttoxeter 2m hcap hdle (4) £4,594 good).
SUN ART (11-1) 13-2 soon led, headed final bend, one pace 2 out, 4th of 7 (6¾l) to Crebilly (12-0) (Market Rasen 2m 5f hcap hdle (4) £5,149 good).
CALL ME TARA (11-3) 18-1 in rear, ridden 3 out, no impression last, 4th of 7 (22l) to Vocito (11-13) (Uttoxeter 2m hcap hdle (4) £4,594 good).
ZAFAAN (12-0) 22-1 in rear, disputing 3rd last, went 2nd towards finish, never nearer, btn 2l by Network Rgb (11-5) (13 ran) (Worcester 2m hcap hdle (5) £3,697 good).
LORD VIRGINIA (11-2) 11-2 midfield, improved into third 5th, weakened 2 out, 5th of 9 (btn 17l) to Burano Murano (10-6) (Huntingdon 2m mdn hdle (4) £5,446 soft to heavy).

7.06 COPYBET FOLLOW US ON X HANDICAP HURDLE (4); value to the winner £4,066; 2m 4f. (8 runners)

1 51/311- **HANDLETHEKETTLE 424 (CD)** J Snowden 7-12-2 .... **Gavin Sheehan 98**
2 13P-422 **QUEENS VENTURE 93 (D)** D Summersby 6-11-8 .... **Bryan Carver ●99**
3 P0P-505 **CHARLUS 13 (H)** D Skelton 5-11-7 .... **Tristan Durrell 87**
4 21/503- **JAYTEE 404** I Williams 11-11-6 .... **Sam Twiston-Davies 91**
5 52P-334 **THAT'S NICE 59** N Henderson 6-11-6 .... **Harry Cobden 96**
6 25/7114 **HARRY 12 (B)** D Pipe 9-11-4 .... **Rian Corcoran (5) 93**
7 P/25-3 **SCOTTISH ANTHEM F25 (B★)** S Edmunds 7-11-2 .... **Charlie Hammond 98**
8 43757/4 **THEATRE TOM 90** O Murphy 7-10-10 .... **Sean Bowen 97**
BETTING: 10-3 Handlethekettle, 5 Scottish Anthem, 6 Theatre Tom, Queens Venture, That's Nice, 7 Harry, Jaytee, 11 Charlus
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 1 1
2025: Sixty Plus 5-11-8 Sam Twiston-Davies 15-8 Fav (James Owen), 8 ran.

7.36 COPYBET BOG NOW SATURDAY'S RACING HANDICAP HURDLE (5); winner £3,248; 2m 7f. (11 runners)

1 09-5613 **STILETTO 16 (CD)** S Leech 8-12-0 .... **Harry Kimber 96**
2 44-8843 **SONYOURASTAR 40** O Murphy 6-11-13 .... **Sean Bowen 94**
3 /64-314 **FINAL ENTRY 50 (V)** D Pipe 5-11-12 .... **Rian Corcoran (5) 91**
4 482-930 **JULLOU DE GRISSAY 42 (V;CD)** C Longsdon 7-11-7 .... **Gavin Sheehan 87**
5 44-1343 **BOUND FOR GLORY 16 (P★)** R Stephens 4-11-4 .... **Ciaran Gethings 86**
6 F260P- **WISPIT TWOB 156** M Keighley 4-11-3 .... **Freddie Keighley (5) 88**
7 6FF45-4 **GETUPTHEYARD 111** N Hawke 7-11-0 .... **David Noonan 92**
8 40P-696 **IAMCELESTIALGIFT 16 (B)** D Killahena & G McPherson 8-10-12 **Nick Slatter (3) 85**
9 213143- **STAMINA CHOPE 204** D Roberts 10-10-11 .... **Lee Edwards 90**
10 74P-432 **FANE COURT 50 (BF)** D Jeffreys 8-10-8 .... **Kielan Woods ●99**
11 11-4242 **CITIZEN JANE 44** L Hill 7-10-3 .... **Charlie Maggs (3) 95**
BETTING: 4 Fane Court, 9-2 Stiletto, 11-2 Sonyourastar, 13-2 Citizen Jane, Final Entry
WHERE FAVOURITES FINISHED: 5-0 5 1 4 1
2025: Just Chasing May 6-11-10 Ben Jones 4-6 Fav (B Pauling), 6 ran.

DOWN ROYAL

GOING: GOOD

3.53 MAIDEN STAKES; 2-y-o; winner €15,000; 5f. (12 runners)

1 (8) **MONOLOGUE** S Thorne 9-8 .... **J Kearney (3)**
2 (11) 4325 **BIT OF A BUZZ 2** G Cromwell 9-6 .... **G Carroll**
3 (5) 7 **GUS MCCRAE 2** N Meade 9-0 .... **A Caffrey**
4 (13) **HABU** M Tynan 9-0 .... **O Tynan (7)**
5 (3) 00 **INVINCIBLE IRISH 21 (H★)** D McLoughlin 9-0 **B Coen**
6 (12) 8 **PREMIER VIEW 84 (T★)** H Bromhead 9-0 **C Cusack (7)**
7 (7) **SPIRIT OF THE NITE** T McCourt 9-0 .... **J Ryan**
8 (10) U471 BEST LOVE 2 E & P Harty 8-13 .... non-runner
9 (14) **LADY QUIGLEY** P Flynn 8-11 .... **R Whearty**
10 (9) 65 **TANGO CLUB 30** J Fahey 8-11 .... **L Roche**
11 (4) **IMPLY** C Weld 8-9 .... **P McGettigan (5)**
12 (6) 0 **SAVANNAH SUN 19 (H★)** M Browne 8-9 **W Joyce (3)**
13 (1) 0 **SORRENTO SUNSET 12** D McLoughlin 8-11 **RESERVE**
14 (2) 08 **SYRAH 8 (H★)** C Weld 8-9 .... **RESERVE**
Tango Club ●99, Bit Of A Buzz 98, Premier View 85.
2 Bit Of A Buzz, 5-2 Tango Club, 13-2 Monologue, 8 Premier View

4.25 MAIDEN STAKES; winner €9,000; 5f. (12 runners)

1 (2) 088 **BASILANO 124** R Watson 3-9-8 .... **A Caffrey**
2 (9) 5560 **IN THE GLOAMING 35** A Oliver 3-9-8 .... **G Carroll**
3 (1) 0800 **BANISH MISFORTUNE 17** G Kyne 4-9-4 .... **L Roche**
4 (12) 52 **FORZA MAGICO 55** J Feane 3-9-3 .... **J Sheridan**
5 (3) 0 **GAINEAMH MIN 42** S Byrne 3-9-3 .... **W Joyce (3)**
6 (5) 2-80 **KISS DON'T TELL 13** D McLoughlin 3-9-3 ... **B Coen**
7 (10) 0 **ORELLANA 32** H Rogers 3-9-3 .... **S Rutledge**
8 (11) 45 **OSTERODE 20 (V)** W McCreery 3-9-3 **D McDonogh**
9 (14) 5 **OTSANA 48** P Twomey 3-9-3 .... **W Lee**
10 (8) -060 **SARFARCAT 38** T Coyle 3-9-3 .... **J Ryan**
11 (4) 00-8 **SASSY BOOM 182** C O'Connell 3-9-3 **J Kearney (3)**
12 (7) **TUDOR FLAME** J Feane 3-9-3 .... **P McGettigan (5)**
13 (6) 0-70 **FAMED AGAIN 65** H McLoughlin 4-9-4 .... **RESERVE**
14 (13) 0474 **WHITE SMOKE 20** M Grassick 3-9-3 .... **RESERVE**
Forza Magico ●99, In The Gloaming 93, Osterode 91.
5-6 Forza Magico, 6 Banish Misfortune, 7 In The Gloaming, 9 Basilano

4.58 MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES; 2-y-o; winner €15,000; 7f. (14 runners)

1 (17) 84 **LETMEENTERTAINYOU 15** D Marnane 9-9. **N Crosse**
2 (7) 6 **PETROLIO 35** N Meade 9-9 .... **B Coen**
3 (11) **POSTPONING REALITY** G Cromwell 9-9 .. **G Carroll**
4 (5) 82 **SOVREIGNS JOY 15** N Lupini 9-7 .... **W Lordan**
5 (9) 0 **MELCHIZEDEK 15** M Fogarty 9-5 .... **L Roche**
6 (10) **BYZANTINE GOLD** A Slattery 9-3 .... **J Dalton (7)**
7 (1) 96 **GABBY HAYES 17** N Meade 9-1 .... **A Caffrey**
8 (15) 752 **WHOSINTERVIEWINWHO 33** A Slattery 9-1 **A Slattery**
9 (12) 50 **IPPY 5 (H)** J O'Donoghue 9-0 .... **R Mulligan (5)**
10 (3) **KNOCKRAHA PA** M Smith 8-13 .... **R Colgan**
11 (14) **ROSILIANE** K Coleman 8-12 .... **R Cleary**
12 (16) **EARTHWARMING** K Smith 8-10 .... **W Joyce (3)**
13 (8) 7 **ESSENCE OF TIME 15** A Oliver 8-8 .... **C Hayes**
14 (6) 90 **SPANISH VIEW 15** J Fahey 8-8 .... **R Holohan (7)**
15 (4) 0 **AR SON NA CUISE 13** J O'Brien 9-9 .... **RESERVE**
16 (13) 9 **ELZANTE 12** C Byrnes 9-1 .... **RESERVE**
17 (2) 0 **TOGETHERWEAREFREE 5** J O'Brien 9-4 **RESERVE**
Whosinterviewinwho ●99, Sovreigns Joy 96, Gabby Hayes 92.
2 Sovreigns Joy, 9-4 Whosinterviewinwho, 15-2 Ippy, 8 Gabby Hayes

5.30 HANDICAP; 2-y-o; winner €7,200; 7f. (10 runners)

1 (2) 3445 **SOMEDAY SOMEWHERE 8** S Thorne 9-12 **J Kearney (3)**
2 (4) 506 **ROMANCE 15 (T★)** J Halley 9-11 .... **A Slattery**
3 (10) 0880 **ARIZONANEARGALWAY 12** D Hogan 9-7 **M Sheridan (7)**
4 (7) 005 **SUMMER SENT YOU 8** K Condon 9-5 . **D O'Connor**
5 (3) 680 **THELYMITRA 38 (P★)** J O'Brien 9-5 .... **J Sheridan**
6 (5) 0074 **FINE LINE 14** D Hogan 9-4 .... **R Holohan (7)**
7 (9) 0894 **ELYATTA 6 (B★)** N Meade 9-3 .... **W Lee**
8 (1) 009 **DEAR THEODOSIA 15 (B★)** D McLoughlin 8-12 **B Coen**
9 (8) 790 **BALLYMACKNEY 43 (B★)** N Meade 8-11 ... **C Hayes**
10 (6) 007 **RATHBRAN LADY 8** M Mulvany 8-9 ..... **W Joyce (3)**
Elyatta ●99, Fine Line 96, Romance 95.
Evens Elyatta, 7-2 Romance, 4 Fine Line, 11-2 Someday Somewhere

6.00 HANDICAP; winner €9,000; 2m 3f. (14 runners)

1 (7) 0-81 **RAGMANS CORNER 14** G Keane 7-10-0 **J Kearney (3)**
2 (8) 8681 **BOXING GREAT 29** K Thornton 6-9-8 .... **A Caffrey**
3 (1) 89-0 **HAPPY JACKY J56 (CD)** M Fahey 12-9-8 **R Holohan (7)**
4 (4) 0671 **TRUBSHAW 14 (B)** H Bromhead 4-9-8 .... **G Hill (7)**
5 (10) 8030 **ZOFFMAN 4** N Meade 7-9-7 .... **N Burns (5)**
6 (11) /40- **FEUD J15** G O'Leary 6-9-6 .... **J Sheridan**
7 (3) 006- **GOLDEN TEMPLE J33 (B)** N Meade 6-9-5 **G Carroll**
8 (12) -066 **SIGN FROM ABOVE 37 (B★;C)** P Fahey 8-9-5 **B Coen**
9 (6) 5765 **WAY DOWN SOUTH 20** G Scott 7-9-5 .... **W Lee**
10 (13) 5/53 **BANANA THREE 49** R O'Sullivan 6-9-4 **P McGettigan (5)**
11 (5) 086/ **COZONE J4** M Smith 9-9-4 .... **R Colgan**
12 (14) 0004 **ALBA CHIARA 49 (CD)** N Lupini 4-9-3 ..... **W Lordan**
13 (15) 15-6 **GANGSTER GRANNY J26** C McBratney 5-9-2 **C Hayes**
14 (17) 620 **YOGINI 23 (B)** D O'Brien 3-8-11 .... **G Ryan**
15 (9) 4/07 **SANCTITY OF SPACE 37 (B★)** J McConnell 5-9-2 **RESERVE**
16 (16) -706 **DERALO IR 17** A Martin 4-9-1 .... **RESERVE**
17 (2) 3102 **COOLEY'S MIST 15** H Rogers 4-9-0 .... **RESERVE**
Banana Three ●99, Ragmans Corner 97, Yogini 96.
5-2 Ragmans Corner, 7-2 Boxing Great, 4 Yogini, 13-2 Alba Chiara, 8 Banana Three, 11 Trubshaw, 66 Sign From Above, Zoffman

EAMONN HAMES

3.53 .... Bit Of A Buzz
4.25 .... Otsana
4.58 .... Essence Of Time
5.30 .... Someday Somewhere
6.00 .... Banana Three
6.30 .... Sinbad My Dad
7.00 .... No More Hiding (nb)
7.30 .... CONNECTEO (nap)

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed undulating and galloping track of 1m 7f with a 4f run-in. Flag starts possible. ■DRAW: No Advantage ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): J P O'Brien 25-92, N Meade 10-58. THIS SEASON: J P O'Brien 4. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): W J Lee 23-98, C D Hayes 11-73. THIS SEASON: J M Sheridan 3, W J Lee 3. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Lough Leane (6.30). Round trip of 500 miles. ■JACKPOT: Races 3-6. PLACEPOT: Races 1-6. ■TRAINERFAX: W McCreery won the 4.25 in 2021 & 2022. N Meade won the 6.00 in 2019, 2020, 2022 & 2023. J P O'Brien won the 5.30 in 2018 & 2024. N Lupini won the 4.58 in 2024 & 2025. J Feane won the 4.25 in 2023 & 2025. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

6.30 APPRENTICE HANDICAP; winner €7,200; 1m 3f. (14 runners)

1 (5) 000- **SOLOMON COOP 259** M Tynan 5-10-0 .... **O Tynan**
2 (10) 110- **AREANA 355 (B;CD)** E & P Harty 7-9-13 .... **J O'Gorman**
3 (17) 8624 **DARKDESERTHIGHWAY 17 (B)** M O'Callaghan 8-9-13 **M Sheridan (2)**
4 (3) 1U00 **DOCTOR GRACE 72 (C,D)** A McGuinness 6-9-13 **C Rowan (4)**
5 (13) 6492 **SINBAD MY DAD 12** S Fahey 5-9-13 .... **J Harnett (2)**
6 (15) 97-6 **SOLOMON 196 (H;D)** P Sweeney 5-9-12 .... **G Hill (2)**
7 (8) 4-44 **BERTO RAMIREZ 20** A McNamara 4-9-11. **J Dalton (2)**
8 (12) 0790 **DAONETHATGOTAWAY 17** M Fahey 6-9-11 **R Holohan**
9 (1) 1071 **HEXAGONAL 17** D Hogan 5-9-11 .... **J Huggan (7)**
10 (4) 5797 **ENCHANTED LADY 17** A Oliver 4-9-10 **C Cusack (2)**
11 (14) 1064 **LOUGH LEANE 32** M Ahern 6-9-10 ... **A Browne-Souza**
12 (7) 5409 **SHOWYOUTHEROPES 12 (V)** G O'Leary 4-9-10 **D O'Leary (7)**
13 (11) 5628 **CHOSEN ONE 21** D O'Brien 3-9-7 .... **S Tormey (2)**
14 (6) 1063 **SWEET BABY ZOU 14** J O'Brien 3-9-6 ... **J Pietropaolo**
15 (2) 5421 **A PRETTY PENNY 20** D Cody 3-9-2 .... **RESERVE**
16 (9) 9788 **GOOD MAN JACK 8** P Magee 3-9-2 .... **RESERVE**
17 (16) 4544 **CHESTNUT PALACE 86 (B★)** N Meade 3-9-1 **RESERVE**
Berto Ramirez ●99, Darkdeserthighway 98, Chosen One 97.
5 Chosen One, 11-2 Daonethatgotaway, 13-2 Berto Ramirez

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1 (8) 8561 **MISS AUSTRALIE 8** A McGuinness 5-10-8 **S Coen (5)**
2 (13) 0/4- **PLAINS INDIAN J445** M Tynan 10-10-2 .. **O Tynan (7)**
3 (5) 0670 **GOD OF THUNDER 12** D Hogan 7-9-12 ... **J Sheridan**
4 (7) 4425 **VERVAIN 20** D Kelly 4-9-11 .... **J Dalton (7)**
5 (15) 5834 **MAXWELL SMART 8 (CD)** T McCourt 5-9-6 **J Ryan**
6 (1) 8823 **LIMESTONE RED 20** T Collins 6-9-3 .... **R Cleary**
7 (11) 9585 **NO MORE HIDING 23** A Oliver 3-9-2 .... **W Lee**
8 (2) 007 **QUINCHY LADY 21 (P★)** J McConnell 3-9-2 **S Rutledge**
9 (6) 0070 **INVINCIBLE DESTINY 23** J Harrington 3-9-1 **K Kennedy (5)**
10 (14) 80-0 **MONEY SHUFFLER 23 (B)** W Roper 6-9-1. **J Sheridan**
11 (12) 0290 **COUL DORE 20 (H,T★)** W Crawford 3-8-13 **L Roche**
12 (4) 0058 **PIATRA NEAMT 30** S Duffy 5-8-13 .... **B Coen**
13 (16) 06-0 **PRINCESS ROSIE 30** P Cluskey 3-8-13 ... **R Whearty**
14 (17) 6083 **FLAGSTONE LADY 4** M O'Callaghan 3-8-11 **R Holohan (7)**
15 (9) 3000 **JAZZ FOREVER 8** P Flynn 6-9-7 .... **RESERVE**
16 (10) -728 **LARIAT 20** L Cusack 10-8-10 .... **RESERVE**
17 (3) 0680 **PREMIER PRINCESS 4** D Hogan 3-9-0 ... **RESERVE**
Flagstone Lady ●99, Miss Australie 97, Coul Dore 97.
7-4 Flagstone Lady, 10-3 Coul Dore, 9-2 Miss Australie, 10 Plains Indian, 12 Maxwell Smart, 14 Limestone Red, 20 Vervain

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1 (8) 5-73 **CHARLIE BROW'N 14** T O'Mara 6-10-1 ..... **W Lordan**
2 (17) 61-0 **SPY 17 (V)** C Byrnes 7-10-1 .... **W Lee**
3 (13) 8375 **TASSAROLO 20** D Hogan 5-10-0 .... **G Carroll**
4 (11) 0083 **DANCING STEVE 20 (V;BF)** A McGuinness 5-9-12 **S Coen (5)**
5 (1) 549 **ACANTO 35 (B★)** N Meade 4-9-9 .... **A Caffrey**
6 (16) -509 **MULLACURRY MAID 20** D Kinsella 4-9-7 ... **R Cleary**
7 (6) 49/0 **RIO DOCE 84 (P★)** J Kinsella 6-9-7 .... **L Roche**
8 (5) 0006 **MAPA 28 (H)** S Lavery 5-9-5 .... **R Colgan**
9 (14) 2476 **CONNECTEO 8 (P★)** A Oliver 3-9-4 .... **B Coen**
10 (3) 5305 **MYSTIC ROSE 8** P Magee 4-9-4 .... **R Holohan (7)**
11 (9) 0368 **ZITKALA SA 23** E Sheehy 3-9-4 .... **C Hayes**
12 (7) 3386 **QUEEN OF ASTOLAT 14 (B★)** D Hogan 3-9-3 **J Sheridan**
13 (4) 0009 **AUTOCRAT 46 (B)** P Sweeney 6-8-13 **P McGettigan (5)**
14 (10) /77- **DULEEK STREET J397** J McConnell 8-8-11 **S Rutledge**
15 (2) 2268 **WITHOUT LOVE 8 (V;BF)** C Hughes 4-9-5 **RESERVE**
16 (12) 0600 **IDOMYTHING 6** T Cleary 4-8-10 .... **RESERVE**
17 (15) -506 **HAERET IN PECTORE 124** A Martin 5-8-10 **RESERVE**
Connecteo ●99, Acanto 98, Dancing Steve 97.
4 Connecteo, 4 Acanto, 8 Spy, 10 Charlie Brow'n, 12 Dancing Steve

AND YOUR RUNNERS 'N RIDERS FROM KILBEGGAN

GOOD TO YIELDING (YIELDING)

EAMONN HAMES

4.07 .... How's Ellie
4.42 .... Cocofred
5.15 .... Speed For Fun
5.45 .... Ilbdare
6.15 .... Fou De Toi
6.45 .... Butter Fingers
7.15 .... My Great Mate

■TIC-TAC: Right-handed undulating course of 9 furlongs. 6 fences per circuit. ■LEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS (2021-2026): W P Mullins 34-112, H De Bromhead 24-133. THIS SEASON: Ciaran Murphy 5. ■TOP JOCKEYS WITH RIDES (2021-2026): D J O'Keeffe 16-122, P Townend 12-35. THIS SEASON: E Finegan 4. ■LONGEST TRAVELLER: Cappa Hill (6.45). Round trip of 264 miles. ■JACKPOT: Races 3-6. PLACEPOT: Races 1-6. ■LIVE ON RACING TV

4.07 MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €7,200; 2m. (14 runners)

1 0-00 **GLENGARRIFF 60** P Downey 5-11-12 .... **K Buckley**
2 068 **GRABAT 14** P Fenton 5-11-12 .... **N Moore**
3 U-7 **MINELLA CYCLONE 112** J Ryan 5-11-12 .... **J J Slevin**
4 2/ **RULE SEVENTEEN 1105 (P★,T★)** S Cavanagh 7-11-12 **K Healy (7)**
5 -608 **SCOTTY JOE 1** P Rothwell 5-11-12 ...... **S O'Callaghan (3)**
6 8437 **TEXAS RED 1** P Rothwell 6-11-12 .... **T Power Roche**
7 3-34 **DAWN COMING 39** C Byrnes 4-11-10 .... **P Byrnes**
8 3 **IVATT 19** G Elliott 4-11-10 .... **D Gilligan**
9 222P **ASTELIA 37** P Fahey 7-11-5 .... **S Ewing**
10 3P-3 **DUSKY NIGHT 131** R O'Sullivan 5-11-5 .... **D Meyler**
11 74 **HARDLEE TROUBLE 90** J Fahey 5-11-5 **C Smithers (7)**
12 -62F **HOW'S ELLIE 25 (BF)** W P Mullins 5-11-5 .... **D King**
13 06-7 **ISTHATRIGHTKATIE 21 (H)** K Brown 6-11-5 **B Barry (7)**
14 77 **WILLOWS WORD 9** P Rooney 4-11-3 .... **A Balfe (7)**
15 U08 **NEAT AS A PIN 32** E Bolger 4-11-3 .... **RESERVE**
16 7 **VARTRY DIAMOND 28** P Rothwell 5-11-5 ...... **RESERVE**
17 087/ **BUT WHAT ABOUT ME 511 (T★)** B Murphy 8-11-5 .... **RESERVE**
Dawn Coming ●99, Astelia 98, Ivatt 97.
6-4 How's Ellie, 3 Dawn Coming, Astelia, 4 Ivatt, 8 Minella Cyclone

4.42 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €12,000; 2m. (10 runners)

1 312- **HOPES ARE HIGH F37 (D)** W Durkan 4-11-12. **P Byrnes**
2 3101 **SPLASHING OUT F22 (B;D)** E Griffin 8-11-10 **P Smithers (5)**
3 R012 **SPEISIALTA 9 (H)** A Black 6-11-8 .... **E Staples (5)**
4 7-41 **COCOFRED 60 (D)** H Bromhead 5-11-7 .... **D O'Keeffe**
5 518- **MIGDAM F119** J Fahey 7-11-4 .... **P Enright**
6 -068 **MY TRUMP CARD 13 (D)** J McConnell 8-11-3 **A Harvey**
7 3103 **HOPEFUL HERO 7 (H)** T Hogan 5-11-0 .... **D Meyler**
8 7021 **ROSENBORG 28** P Rothwell 5-11-0 .... **R Sugrue (7)**
9 6910 **EYE OF A TIGER 34 (CD)** J Ryan 6-10-9 .... **J Slevin**
10 90-6 **FREE FLOW F6 (D)** E Power 6-10-2 ..... **M Kenneally (5)**
Rosenborg ●99, Cocofred 98, Eye Of A Tiger 97.
9-2 Cocofred, Hopeful Hero, 6 Hopes Are High, 8 Rosenborg, 10 Splashing Out, 12 Speisialta, 14 Eye Of A Tiger, 16 Free Flow

5.15 CONDITIONAL MAIDEN HURDLE; winner €8,700; 2m 4f. (12 runners)

1 F22 **SPEED FOR FUN 19 (H;BF)** W P Mullins 5-11-12 **A McGuinness (4)**
2 5-9B **BOO RADLEY 25** W P Mullins 5-11-4 .... **C O'Dwyer**
3 -169 **CHARLES THE BOLD 27** B McMahon 6-11-4 **E Nugent (4)**
4 800- **MR DEVLIN 171 (P★)** C Maxwell 5-11-4 .. **E Finegan (2)**
5 /577 **RETURNING OFFICER 54 (BF)** G Elliott 6-11-4 **J Williamson**
6 544- **THE IRON CHEF 364** J McConnell 5-11-4 **E Finegan (2)**
7 PP- **THE OLD BRIGADE 271 (H)** S Doyle 5-11-4 **E Staples (2)**
8 **PENSIONERS ICON** M McNiff 5-10-11 .... **A King (4)**
9 P **THORNBURY QUEEN 7 (H)** M Quigley 6-10-11 **B Kennedy (4)**
10 708 **GUNNER GIRL 11** S Carey 4-10-9 .... **M Kenneally**
11 3 **MAROEL 29** M Magnussen 4-10-9 .... **C Clarke (4)**
12 95 **PRETTY WILD 45** E Bolger 4-10-9 .... **J Halford (4)**
Speed For Fun ●99, Returning Officer 97, Pretty Wild 92.
15-8 Speed For Fun, 2 Boo Radley, 4 The Iron Chef, 11-2 Pretty Wild, 7 Mr Devlin, 10 Returning Officer, 16 Maroel

5.45 HANDICAP HURDLE; winner €15,000; 3m 1f. (14 runners)

1 -412 **MIGHTY BERKSHIRE 21 (BF)** D Queally 6-11-12 . **K Healy (7)**
2 -7F1 **COOLADDI 27 (H;C)** C Maxwell 6-11-10 ... **E Finegan (5)**
3 2053 **CORNMARKET 16 (B;D)** J Cullen 7-11-5 .... **A King (7)**
4 1P3F **PRIDE OF PLACE 14 (B)** E Bolger 7-11-5 **C O'Dwyer (3)**
5 -316 **SOUND JUDGEMENT 31** G Elliott 6-11-5 .... **S Ewing**
6 PP-7 **STARZOV 31** P Rothwell 9-11-3 .... **R Sugrue (7)**
7 P-04 **GOOD WORLD 21 (C)** E Griffin 11-11-2 **M Kenneally (5)**
8 26-5 **ITSAWORKINMANIAM 31** B McMahon 7-11-2 **P Enright**
9 -524 **KEEP EM QUITE 16** C Collins 5-11-2 .... **D Gilligan**
10 P9-0 **PRIORY PARK 31** E Power 10-11-2 .... **K Sexton**
11 -904 **ADALIZ 33 (B)** H Bromhead 6-11-1 .... **D O'Keeffe**
12 -018 **ILBDARE 16** M McNiff 6-11-1 .... **E Staples (5)**
13 0231 **MIDNIGHT EAGLE 16** A McNamara 6-11-1 **P Smithers (5)**
14 0405 **SMALLCRAFTWARNING 15** J Ryan 9-10-9 .... **D King**
Keep Em Quite ●99, Midnight Eagle 98, Mighty Berkshire 97.
11-2 Midnight Eagle, 13-2 Cooladdi, Mighty Berkshire, 7 Keep Em Quite, Cornmarket, 8 Adaliz, Good World, Smallcraftwarning

6.15 BEGINNERS CHASE; winner €7,500; 2m 4f. (10 runners)

1 -387 **ECLIPSE CHASER 38** C Farrell 6-11-12 .... **R Doyle**
2 -272 **FOU DE TOI 11 (P★)** W P Mullins 5-11-12 .... **P Townend**
3 50-4 **KOOL ONE 44** C Maxwell 5-11-12 .... **K Buckley**
4 1-62 **LOS BLANCO 44 (P★)** H Bromhead 7-11-12 **D O'Keeffe**
5 51P3 **SIEGE OF CARTHAGE 22** J Halley 6-11-12 ..... **P Enright**
6 1P6- **SOME SONG 152** H Bromhead 6-11-12 ...... **M O'Connor**
7 569- **THE BURROW 133** P Fenton 7-11-12 .... **N Moore (5)**
8 -67P **WHERE ARE YOU NOW 60 (BF)** E Bolger 5-11-12 **C O'Dwyer (3)**
9 344/ **FIZZLE ROCK 1013** N Slevin 9-11-5 .... **C Millar (5)**
10 1123 **MANOIR DE MIRANDE 11** G Elliott 4-11-1 **J Halford (7)**
Eclipse Chaser ●99, Fou De Toi 98, Los Blanco 96.
5-2 Fou De Toi, 11-4 Los Blanco, 7-2 Eclipse Chaser, 13-2 Manoir De Mirande, 8 Kool One, 10 Siege Of Carthage, 16 Fizzle Rock

6.45 HANDICAP CHASE; winner €12,000; 2m 4f. (13 runners)

1 4-12 **PINOT GRIS 34 (D)** H Bromhead 6-12-0 .... **D O'Keeffe**
2 3-F1 **HASHTAG PRETENDER 31** B Connell 9-11-6 **S Flanagan**
3 0533 **WATCH THE WEATHER 19 (BF,D)** R Cody 10-11-4 **P Cody (7)**
4 -P00 **WHERE'S MY JET 35** W P Mullins 7-11-4 .... **P Townend**
5 4142 **CHARLIE LUCIANO 14 (BF,C)** N Meade 7-11-0 **D Meyler**
6 3135 **SOLDANTE 33** C Murphy 8-10-8 .... **K Healy (7)**
7 -684 **BYNX F20** M Hassett 8-10-7 .... **D Gilligan**
8 -754 **CAPPA HILL 22** S Allen 6-10-6 .... **S Ewing**
9 P-48 **LITTLEBIGGIE 29** R Hackett 9-10-6 .... **C Clarke (7)**
10 8-94 **TYPICAL THOMAS F70 (C)** J Fahey 9-10-6 . **P Donovan**
11 6-17 **BUTTER FINGERS 38** R O'Sullivan 5-10-5 **S Markey (7)**
12 -057 **PRINCE PALACE 33 (B;D)** P Rothwell 8-10-0 **S O'Callaghan (3)**
13 36B7 **GRANGE WALK 27 (B)** J Ryan 11-10-0 .... **D King**
Where's My Jet ●99, Hashtag Pretender 98, Charlie Luciano 97.
6 Hashtag Pretender, 13-2 Charlie Luciano, 7 Pinot Gris, 8 Where's My Jet, Littlebiggie, Butter Fingers, 10 Watch The Weather

7.15 BEGINNERS CHASE; winner €7,800; 3m. (5 runners)

1 -U70 **BEGGER 38** W Harvey 6-11-12 .... **B Harvey**
2 1934 **CHANCEAWETMORNING 9** G Elliott 6-11-12 **D Gilligan**
3 7-0P **MOONOVERCLOON 35 (V)** D Queally 9-11-12 ... **M Kenneally (5)**
4 24-3 **MY GREAT MATE 38** W P Mullins 7-11-12 ... **P Townend**
5 -223 **AFFINITY ROCK 15 (BF)** C Collins 6-11-5 .... **C Millar (5)**
Affinity Rock ●99, My Great Mate 97, Chanceawetmorning 90.
5-4 Affinity Rock, 15-8 My Great Mate, 5 Chanceawetmorning, 13-2 Moonovercloon, 50 Begger